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November 4th elections affect several municipalities

By Gari Voss

Calling all resident who live in the cities of Douglas, Fennville, Holland Wards 4/9 and 5/11, Saugatuck, South Haven, and Wayland. Also needed are residents of Casco, Fillmore, Gun Plain, Hopkins, Leighton, Overisel, Salem and Wayland Townships. Tuesday, November 4, 2025, is election day affecting these municipalities across Allegan County and a bit beyond. These elections can be easily overlooked, but all residents in the identified municipalities are affected by the results.

The complete wording of the ballot proposals can be located at https://www.allegancounty.org/departments/elections.

Candidates

Beginning with the candidates who will serve as council members or mayors.

Village of Douglas

Three council members will be elected for 2-year terms. Candidates are Cathy North, Matt Balmer and Jeff West

City of Fennville

Three commissioners will be elected for 4-year terms. Candidates are Dan Rastall, David Lopez, Jr., and Seth Boeve.

City of Holland

One mayor will be elected for a 2-year term. Candidates are Nathan Bocks and Brian Everitt.

One Ward 5 council member will be elected. The candidate is Scott Corbin.

One council member at-large will be elected for one year. Candidates are Quincy Byrd and Abby Klomparens.

City of Saugatuck

Three council members will be elected for 2-year terms. The candidates are Holly Anderson, Joseph Clark, Russ Gardner, John Mayer, and Sherry Tedaldi.

City of South Haven

One mayor will be elected for a 2-year term. The candidates are Annie Brown and Mary Hosley

One Ward 3 council member will be elected for a 4-year term. The candidate is Dave Flack.

City of Wayland

Three council members will be elected for 2-year terms. The candidates are Megan Mickelson, Steven Stepek, Abe Garcia, and Aubrey Chubb.

Township Proposals

Proposals for townships and schools become a bit more intricate. The township renewals indicate specific purposes. Lake Michigan is asking for two renewals. Each renewal has a defined purpose. These are primarily requests to recoup Headlee Amendment rollbacks.

Fillmore Township

FIRE AND FIRST RESPONSE PROTECTION RENEWAL MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Fillmore Township, Allegan County, Michigan, wishes to recoup tax dollars lost to Headley reduction and provide funds for fire and first response protection service. The original millage has been reduced by the required rollback to 1.8157 mills. The request is to reestablish the original 2.0 mills for five years, 2026 through 2030. The estimated revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2026 calendar year is approximately $392,000.00.

LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Fillmore Township would also like to increase the general ad valorem taxes within Fillmore Township, Allegan County, Michigan, by .35 mill for four years, 2025 through 2028. This increase will provide funds for the operation of the Herrick District Library. The estimated revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2026 calendar year is approximately $68,000.00. If the millage is approved, the proceeds would be paid to the Herrick District Library by the Township pursuant to a contract granting library privileges to Township residents.

WATER/SEWER RENEWAL MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Fillmore Township would like to recoup the Headlee rollback and reestablish the 0.5. mill for four (4) years, 2025 through 2028, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition, construction, and installation of public water and sewer system improvements, including, but without limitation, water wells, water storage tanks, and water and sewer lines. If the increase in millage is approved, an estimated $98,000.00 will be raised during the first year.

Hopkins Township

PROPOSAL TO APPROVE EXTRA-VOTED ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE

Hopkins Township wishes an increase of up to 1 mill in the tax limitation and levy it for four (4) years, 2025 through 2028, inclusive, on all taxable real and personal property in the Township for the purpose of local road repairs, upgrades, construction, improvement, dust control, and maintenance purposes. The 1 mill increase will raise an estimated $125,406.66 in the first year the millage is levied.

City Proposals

City of Holland

CITY OF HOLLAND HEADLEE OVERRIDE MILLAGE BALLOT PROPOSITION

The City of Holland established 17.5 mills was reduced to 14.4480 mills by the required millage rollbacks. The request is to increase the mills in an amount not to exceed 3.052 to restore the full amount of the original rate for each year in perpetuity, as a new additional millage for general operating purposes. The estimated additional Ad Valorem tax revenue that the City will collect if the maximum millage is authorized

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ESA decries loss of early childhood program funding

By Gari Voss

The budget signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer may have been lauded by some, but the early childhood programs across Michigan took a huge hit. All of the funding for the Great Start Collaborative programs were cut. Translated, $19.4 million dollars will no longer be available to support giving Allegan's four-year-olds an opportunity to develop skills necessary to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

William Brown, superintendent of the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency (AAESA), may have put it most succinctly, "To say that I'm disappointed is an understatement."

Allegan's ESA served over 2,000 families during the 2024-25 school Year. With no funding the program for 2025-26 is lost. Brown listed what that means. There will no longer be:

A central hub for coordinating referrals, planning, and collaboration among service providers.

Infrastructure that supports early literacy efforts, free book distribution, and early literacy training.

A number of community events.

A support network for childcare providers, coordination of professional training, free educational resources, and more.

"It feels, to be very honest, somewhat hypocritical," Brown said. "We hear a lot about 'This is an early childhood state; we need pre-K for all.' This [program] helps students get ready for kindergarten, so actions are not aligned to what we're being told."

With declining reading and math scores across the state, Brown feels that the cutting of the Great Start Collaborative funds will just compound the downward trend. The families who will be most affected will be the underserved who are traditionally lower income, indigenous, and/or bilingual.

Allegan County was a trailblazer in early childhood education. Even before the Great Start Collaborative began as the Michigan School Readiness Program (MSRP) in 1985, Allegan County schools were working with Head Start programs and for profit preschool programs to locate at-risk 4-year-olds and prepare them for kindergarten. This required collaboration to ensure that not only the lowest economic status children received preschool opportunities through Head Start, but all children received a classroom experience.

The focus included developing cognitive, social, and emotional skills through hands-on activities. In the beginning each school district requested funds and began the licensing process

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BOC approvcs construction firm for medical facility improvements

By John Raffel
Correspondent

Acting on a late addition to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) agenda at last Thursday's nighttime annual meeting, former commissioner James Storey said the body approved an agreement with Beckering Construction to manage the improvements to the county's medical care facility on the Dumont Lake campus.

"The staff of Allegan County Medical Care Community has been working through Master Planning over the last several years towards improving the physical plant to position it for future generations of care," Storey wrote in his weekly newsletter. "The medical care facility staff has been working with architecture/engineering firm Eckert Wordell for approximately one year to convert the former Rehabilitation Center and Hillcrest East Hall into an Assisted Living Community, update and renovate the skilled nursing and adult day portions of the facility by providing improved, roof heating, ventilation and air condition systems, plumbing and boiler upgrades, improved electrical systems and energy efficient lighting, and renovated décor with updated wall, floor, window coverings, kitchens, bathrooms, and office spaces.

The county BOC approved an agreement with Beckering Construction to manage the improvements to the county's medical care facility on the Dumont Lake campus.

"Plans are to add a Café to the front lobby to provide a location for residents, visitors, staff, and County partners to enjoy a coffee, meal, or snack. Beckering has worked on other Allegan County construction projects, such as the recent Allegan County Courthouse renovation project. No cost of the Beckering agreement was listed in the BOC resolution approving the company's retention by the county.

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BRONSON

Hundreds lined the sidewalks around the Allegan Roundabout on Sat., Oct. 18, 2025, from 11am-noon to express their feelings about the actions of President Trump and those who are following in his footsteps. Photos: Jim Kauppi and G. Voss

Several hundred line street to protest Trump

By Gari Voss

The roundabout where M-89, M-40, and Ely, Cedar and Hubbard Streets meet began filling with people holding signs with a variety of messages before the official 11am start of No Kings in Allegan, Michigan on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Those in attendance arrived in a downpour that was accompanied by thunder and lightning with a message to share… They were not happy with the actions in Washington that promoted one person's ideas on how the United States of America should be operating.

The message to Mr. Trump was that the United States does not want a "king" who forces his ideas on others or sends military troops into cities.

Those in attendance were Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, and … They came from all parts of Allegan County – from Wayland to the Van Buren County line, from Otsego and Plainwell to the Lake Michigan shore. Their message was clear… "Stop Project 2025"; "No Kings".

As the morning approached noon, the skies cleared, and the sun was shining on the hundreds who had come to share their feelings and fears about what they were seeing happening in the United States. The sentiment began referring to a president who is acting as a dictator or fascist or king. It traveled to all in federal leadership positions who are taking steps to weaken the lower and middle class citizens in America.

Memorable signs began with "No Kings" but went much deeper:

Pro America; Anit Trump

From MAGA to Martial Law, the threat is real

Imagine being scared of diversity but not dictatorship

Release the Epstein Files

Fascism won't make U.S. great

Honk 4 Democracy, Rule of Law, Justice, Truth

Of the People, For the People, By the People

If you don't want criminals and rapists entering the country, stop electing them as president

Several signs explained, "Other countries pity us." This was a fear expressed in different ways.

During the hours there were honkers and thumbs up from almost everyone going about their daily chores. Some came through a number of times or just circled the roundabout several times before traveling on. A few came through to share a finger. One man shouted from his car window that he was protesting against the protesters. The response was, "Thank you. Have a wonderful day."

As the gathering came to an end and people went their separate ways, one sign seemed to summarize many of the others…"We only need one monarch, and it's a butterfly."

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Hunting Tips for a Safe and Successful Season

As autumn settles across Michigan's forests and fields, hunters prepare for one of the most anticipated times of year. Whether seasoned or new to the sport, proper preparation and awareness can make all the difference in ensuring a safe, ethical, and rewarding hunt.

One of the most important aspects of hunting begins before setting foot in the woods—understanding and following state regulations. Reviewing the current Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hunting guide ensures compliance with licensing, season dates, and bag limits. Ethical hunters also familiarize themselves with property boundaries and always obtain landowner permission before entering private land.

Safety remains at the core of responsible hunting. Wearing blaze orange during firearm seasons helps ensure visibility to others in the field. Firearms should always be treated as if they are loaded, with muzzles pointed in a safe direction at all times. Before taking a shot, hunters must clearly identify their target and what lies beyond it to avoid accidents.

Preparation is key to a successful outing. Checking equipment in advance helps prevent complications once in the field. Hunters should inspect firearms, scopes, and ammunition, and make sure tree stands and harnesses are in good condition. Proper footwear and layered clothing not only provide comfort but also protect against unpredictable weather.

Scouting locations ahead of time gives hunters a strong advantage. Observing animal tracks, feeding areas, and travel routes can improve positioning and timing. Paying attention to wind direction is also crucial, as scent control plays a major role in remaining undetected by deer and other game.

Respect for nature and wildlife remains a guiding principle. Ethical hunters take only clear, humane shots and ensure no part of the harvested animal goes to waste. Cleaning up spent shells, litter, and other materials helps preserve the environment for future generations.

Finally, communication is essential. Letting friends or family know where you'll be hunting and when you plan to return adds an important layer of safety, especially in remote areas. Carrying a fully charged phone, map, and compass can help in case of unexpected situations.

Hunting offers more than sport—it provides connection with nature, stewardship of wildlife populations, and a continuation of Michigan's deep outdoor traditions. By following safety guidelines, respecting wildlife, and preparing thoughtfully, hunters can make the most of the season while helping preserve the heritage of responsible outdoor recreation.

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PETA comments on Allegan cockfighting allegations

By Elizabeth Ferszt
Contributing Writer

Nicole Meyer, senior media officer at PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) was recently asked about the alleged occurrence of cockfighting in Hopkins Twp.

Meyer stated that, "Cockfighting is illegal in all U.S. states, all U.S. territories under federal law, and any interstate involvement is federally prohibited. When a cockfighting ring is busted, the people involved may sometimes work out deals with law enforcement behind the scenes—such as agreeing to give up the names of their associates—thus bartering themselves out of deeper legal trouble. However, we have no insight as to whether that happened in the Hopkins Township case."

In describing the rather gory details about the mechanics for bird fighting, PETA Senior Vice President Colleen O'Brien also stated: "Birds used for cockfights are fitted with razor-sharp spurs and forced to slash at each other until one or both of them are dead, suffering punctured lungs, broken bones, pierced eyes, and other agonizing injuries in the process."

"PETA urges anyone who suspects that cockfighting is happening in their community to report it to law enforcement immediately and follow up as many times as needed, because lives depend on it."

The Allegan Co. News asked Meyers and O'Brien to make comments on SHARK — their tactics using drones and video, and whether or not SHARK represents animal rights extremism, but they did not respond.

Wayland Gears Up for a Spooktacular Halloween Weekend

Halloween in Wayland promises to be a lively celebration this year, filled with music, costumes, and community fun. From a downtown street festival to creative family activities at the library, there's something for ghosts and goblins of all ages.

Monster Mash Returns to Downtown Wayland

The heart of the city will transform into a Halloween block party when the **Monster Mash** takes over downtown Wayland on **Saturday, October 25, 2025**, from **5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

South Main Street will be closed to traffic for an evening of live music, food trucks, and festive fun. DJ Scratchy Chan will keep the energy high with spooky beats, while local vendors and shops offer seasonal specials. A **Trunk-or-Treat** event kicks off the evening from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**, giving kids a safe and family-friendly way to load up on candy.

Organizers recommend arriving early to enjoy the trunk-or-treat portion and to get the best selection from local food trucks. The event is free and open to all ages.

Creative Fun at the Henika District Library

Families looking for a quieter Halloween activity can stop by the **Henika District Library**, 149 S. Main Street, between **October 20 and 24** to pick up a **Take-and-Make Halloween Painting Kit**. The kits are free, available during library hours, and perfect for children or families wanting to add a homemade touch to their Halloween decorations. Supplies are limited, so calling ahead is recommended.

(Always verify exact times with your local township or police department for any last-minute changes.)

Trick-or-Treat Times Around Allegan County (2025)

Community	Date	Time	Notes
Wayland	Friday, Oct. 31	5:30 p.m.–8 p.m.	Citywide residential trick-or-treating.
City of Allegan	Friday, Oct. 31	3 p.m.–5:30 p.m. (downtown) 5:30 p.m.–8 p.m. (residential)	Official Chamber-listed schedule.
Dorr Township	Friday, Oct. 31	5:30 p.m.–8 p.m.	Common community time, confirm locally.
Fennville	Sunday, Oct. 26	4 p.m.–6 p.m.	Includes Crane Orchards Trunk-or-Treat.
Hopkins	Friday, Oct. 31	5:30 p.m.–8 p.m.	Community-recommended hours.
Martin	Friday, Oct. 31	5:30 p.m.–8 p.m.	Traditional village trick-or-treat window.

Allegan Heroes variety show to benefit veterans

By Gari Voss

American Heroes may be one of Allegan's best secrets. The group is not a formally organized organization with officers, but they do have a core of people who are passionate about their mission to remember service men and women across the United States and around the world. Each service member has a tie to Allegan County. In addition, veterans who are in care facilities or homebound are also honored.

A Vendor and Variety Show to raise funds for this mission will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan. The day will begin at Noon with the Arts and Crafts Show. The vendors will display their wares from noon until 4pm which will allow customers to browse the wonderful gifts to enrich their holiday gift buying. The Variety Show will begin at 6pm with an intermission during which the audience can continue bidding on Silent Auction items.

In 2002, not long after the 9-11 attack, Rick and Ruth Smith, who owned the Downtown Bakery and Deli at the time, decided that active service members needed to be remembered by the folks at home. After collecting names and items then sorting and creating packages, armed service members who were deployed overseas received needed items from home. Today, there are fewer names supplied for military members overseas, so most packages are being sent to service men and women in the states.

Allegan Heroes began serving veterans in care facilities in 2015. About five years ago with COVID, the desire to include vets in facilities or homebound took a larger focus. Steps continue to be taken for this important service even if contributions do not cover the cost.

An undertaking of this magnitude takes contributions of items and money. The decision was made to have fundraisers to cover some of the costs. Thus, the Variety Show came into being.

"The first year that I can remember doing the Variety Show," reminisced Kim Pullen, a driving force for the group, "was 2010. It combines musicians and vocalists along with dancers. This year, one of the performers is even planning on adding some comedy. The Vendor Show started a couple years later and has a fun story of its own."

The beauty of this fundraiser is that it impacts local families. If someone knows of a family member or friend who is in the military (stateside or overseas) or a retired veteran who is in a care facility or homebound, that name and information can be submitted by messaging the group on their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/alleganheroes.

Vendors are still welcome to message Allegan Heroes via Facebook to receive information on reserving a space. Performers can go through Facebook Messenger to offer their talents. Businesses and individuals are welcome to become sponsors.

The Variety Show may be a great way to cap off a busy first Saturday in November while supporting our local active and retired service personnel.

Dancers like Megan (Evans) Schultz will share their talents during the Variety Show that caps off Allegan Heroes' Vendor and Variety Show on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025. The Vendor Show runs from noon-4pm and the Variety Show begins at 6pm at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan. The performers enjoy entertaining the audience whose tickets go towards raising funds to create packages that will be given to service members and veterans for the holidays and other times during the year. For additional information check https://www.facebook.com/alleganheroes**. Photo courtesy of Allegan Heroes**

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Community Events

Community Calendar - Week of October 20, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Soup-tober has started. Donate cans of soup to ACCF on Locust St. or another collection site. Info at https://alleganfoundation.org/

Fri. Oct. 24, 2025: Advocacy Bootcamp – registration due
Allegan High School Conference Center Western Ave. (M-89/M-40) Allegan

Fri., Oct. 24, 2025, 7pm: Bad Auditions by Bad Actors & Disaster
Sat., Oct. 25th, 3pm & 7pm
Wayland Union High School Wayland

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, Noon-4pm: St. Margaret's Halloween Carnival
St. Margaret's Church Otsego

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, 5pm: Monster Mash
Downtown Wayland 103 S. Main St. Wayland

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, 2-3pm: Sip & Paint with Paulette
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, 6pm: Murder Mystery – Murder in Sin City
Fenn Valley Vineyards Fennville

Sun., Oct. 26, 2025, 4pm: Trunk or Treat
Eagles #2315 FOE 110 Chestnut St. Allegan

Weekends Oct 17 – Nov. 2, 2025: My Flight Helicopter Rides, Padgham Field, contact 844-644-3541.

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Oct. 22, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan

3:30pm: Kids' Leaf Printing Art Class - Come and make a variety of patterns and fun art with this fun and colorful program! Ages 5-12.

6pm: Been There, Zined That! - Join library staff member, Chloe Schans, as she walks us through the creative process of making personalized zines. Ages 12 and up. Register at 269 673-4625

Wed., Oct. 22, 2025, 4-6pm: Seed Collection with Allegan Conservation District
Bysterveld Park 4171 14th St. Dorr
Join Allegan Conservation District. Restoration Coordinator Ari Henson in collecting seeds. Henson will discuss ethical seed collection and how to identify seeds. There will be a seed bomb creation at the end of with what is collected. To register email Ari.Henson@macd.org.

Wed., Oct. 22, 2025, 6-8pm: Self-Hypnosis with Jeff Alisch
Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Friends on Wednesday will host Jeff Alisch who will discuss the benefits of and techniques for improving mental, emotional and physical well-being. Learn about faster relaxation, emotional regulation, breaking negative patterns, pain management, enhanced memory, and more. For info call 269 673-4631.

Wed., Oct. 22, 2025, 7pm: Understanding Your Tax Bill & State Funding of Schools
Ransom Library Plainwell
Steve Aardema, a 32 year school finance officer, & Ben Jamieson, a retired businessman with varied financial/accounting experience, will present information and lead a discussion of this important topic. Bring your tax bill for specific questions. Additional information at 1946bennyJ@gmail.com or 269 629-9628.

Thurs., Oct. 23, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan

10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 year olds listen to stories and do activities.

3:30pm: Clean STEAM with the Air Zoo - Look through the lens of sustainability and renewable energy as we investigate the history and impact of machines. Examine wind-powered compound machines and tackle innovative engineering challenges surrounding wind power. Grades 4-7. Register at 269 673-4625.

Thurs., Oct. 23, 2025, RSVP: Multi-Chamber Women's Event (Nov. 6th)
Bay Pointe Woods 5100 Oarie Dr. Shelbyville
Join ladies from ten local chambers to learn with Laurel Day, founder of Do Something Co., with Creativity 101: How Creativity and Connection Fuel Growth. RSVP at 269 673-2479 or director@alleganchamber.com.

Thurs., Oct. 23, 2025, 10-11am: Health Hero's Nutrition Class
TBA Fennville
Healthy cooking class for families with children ages 3-5 years old. Register in English or Spanish at bit.ly/familiesconnected2026.

Thurs., Oct. 23, 2025, 6:30-9pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
No numbers, just music… Mark your card for a chance to win prizes.

Fri., Oct. 24, 2025, 10:30am: Sing Song Family Yoga & Literacy
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan
Join Deb Weiss-Gelmi as she combines yoga, music, and literacy together in this unique, engaging, and hands-on experience for kids and their adult caregivers.

Fri., Oct. 24, 2025, 7pm: Bad Auditions by Bad Actors & Disaster
Sat., Oct. 25th, 3pm & 7pm
Wayland Union High School Wayland
Join the High School Theater as they present *Bad Auditions by Bad Actors*, a short comedy by Ian McWethy and *The One-Act Play, Disaster* a short comedy by Don Zolidis. Tickets online at wulac-tickets.ludus.com or at the door.

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, 11am: Jumpstart your Genealogy
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan
Professional genealogist Megan Heyl is back to help us hunt down and organize our family histories.

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, Noon-4pm: St. Margaret's Halloween Carnival
St. Margaret's Church Otsego
All are welcome to participate in a Halloween costume contest, play carnival games, win prizes and candy, and trick-or-treat in the safety of a Trick-or-Treat Village. Those 18 and over can try their luck at the Raffle. All can join the cake walk, enjoy grilled food, and get treats from the Sweet and Salty Stand. For addition information, email maladd25@gmail.com or call 937 423-4612.

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, 5pm: Monster Mash
Downtown Wayland 103 S. Main St. Wayland
Enjoy a live DJ Scratchy Chan, 5-7 Trunk & Treat; 7:30pm Costume Contest & lots of great food and drinks. (Oct. 31st: Trick or Treating City Wide)

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, 2-3pm: Sip & Paint with Paulette
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Paint spooky season ornaments while enjoying a favorite brew. Register at Brave.Art.Carr@gmail.com. Pay at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, 6pm: Murder Mystery – Murder in Sin City
Fenn Valley Vineyards Fennville
Beautify Pullman invites all to enjoy a evening in Las Vegas with Elvis (aka Ron Short) and partake in not only a murder mystery, along with food & drink, raffles & prizes, Blackjack. Poker, a Money Wheel and Roulette.

Sun., Oct. 26, 2025, 4pm: Trunk or Treat
Eagles #2315 FOE 110 Chestnut St. Allegan
All are welcome to join in the fun. Prizes for the best decorated trunk.

Mon., Oct. 27, 2025, 6pm: Bingo
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan
Come and try your luck.

Tues., Oct. 28, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan

10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.

1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting – All are invited to be a friend of the library.

4pm: Wonderfully Wicked Workshop - Join the Allegan Community Players as they teach fun and engaging acting techniques and activities to help you unleash your inner character! Grades K-6. Register at 269 673-4625.

Tues., Oct. 28, 2025, 1pm: Grief Support Luncheon
Salvino's 1290 M-89 Plainwell
You are not alone. Wings of Hope warmly invites all to gather for the monthly grief support luncheon.

Wed., Oct. 29, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan

10am: Play Café – Caregivers of 0-7 year olds, stop into the library for a cup of coffee and conversation while your little ones have fun at our Play-Doh station, coloring station, toy area, and craft zone.

6pm: Al Capone's Playground - In the aftermath of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in 1929, escaped suspect Fred "Killer" Burke was the most wanted man in the nation. Using never-before-published police reports, interviews with family members of key witnesses, and information from leading experts, historian Chriss Lyon. Register at 269 673-4625.

Wed., Oct. 29, 2025, 1-2:30pm: Calligraphy Class Registration
Bellflower (Schoolhouse) 4700 D Ave. Kalamazoo
Register before Aug. 28 for 6 sessions – Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Cost of materials is $55. For more information email Dr. Bob Hosack at rlhosack967@gmail.com or call 269 349-7980.

Thurs., Oct. 30, 2025, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Allegan
3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.

Thurs., Oct. 30, 2025, 6:30-9pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
No numbers, just music… Mark your card for a chance to win prizes.

Fri., Oct. 31, 2025, 3-5:30pm: Downtown Trick-or-Treating
Downtown Allegan businesses will be open to Trick-or-Treaters. Come in your best costumes!

Fri., Oct. 31, 2025, 5-7pm: Trunk or Treat
Allegan Bible Church 412 Sherman St. Allegan
Enjoy an indoor family event with candy, hotdogs, costume contest, door prizes and more.

Fri., Oct. 31, 2025, 6-close: Tantrick Costume Party
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan

Fri., Oct. 31 – Nov. 1, 2025, 8:30pm-6am: Robinson Manor Halloween Overnight Investigation
Robinson Manor Marshall St. Allegan
Partnering with Shared Paranormal and Michigan Paranormal Encounters, The Manor will open for a live, ticketed paranormal research event. Tickets are $80 via eventbrite.com (no door sales). Contact David Wells at shared.paranormal@gmail.com with questions.

Sat., Nov. 1, 2025, 9am-2pm: Blessed Sacrament Annual Fall Bazaar
Blessed Sacrament Church, 110 N. Cedar St., Allegan
Join us for our Annual Fall Bazaar, hosted by the Council of Catholic Women. Enjoy craft vendors, homemade pies, food & sweets, basket raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and our Treasures & Trivia Flea Market! This is a great way to celebrate fall with friends and neighbors—all are welcome!

Mon., Nov. 3, 2025, 6pm: Grief Support Groups
Wings of Hope Office 550 Linn St. Allegan
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Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
Monday: Drive-thru only - 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm.
Tuesday: In person shopping/walk ins - 10am-12pm
Thursday: In person shopping/walk ins - 2pm-5pm
We have been providing services to the Plainwell, Otsego and Martin areas since 1983.

Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street, Allegan (269) 673-2254
Open Fridays, 10am – 1pm A wide selection of clothing for all ages is available.

Grief Support Groups
Wings of Hope invites all to a welcoming and compassionate gathering. 1st Monday of the month – 6-7:30pm, Wings of Hope Office, 530 Linn St., Allegan; 2nd Tues. of each month – 12:30-2pm, United Methodist Church, 322 Maple St., Hopkins; 3rd Monday of each month – 3-4:30pm, Ransom District Library, 189 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell; 4th Tues., Grief Support Luncheon, 1pm, Salvino's 1290 M89, Plainwell.

Interfaith Sunday Services
Mothers Trust is a nonprofit that is offering inclusive, interfaith worship services open to all Sundays at 11am at 6676 122nd Ave. Fennville. Information: Megan Hybels 269 312-0369, megan_h@motherstrust.org

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Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center - Abuse Prevention and Healing
404 Sherman St., Allegan, MI 49010 www.safeharborcac.org, (269) 673-3791

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Sylvia's Place - Safe from Domestic Violence
Crisis Line: 269 673-8700

United Church of Wayland - Free Clothing
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 4 - 6pm
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

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Christian Neighbors, SE
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Christian Neighbors, Wayland
122 Church St. Wayland 269 792-2870

Congregational Kitchen - Thursday Dinner Pickup
Congregational Church 325 Cutler Street Allegan
Call (269) 673-3139 after 3pm any Thursday and place an order.
Thursdays: Pick up 3 to 5:30 pm. Takeout dinners only during COVID-19

Epiphany Lutheran Church
4219 Park Land Dorr 616 681-0791

Food Truck - 3rd Friday of each month, 4:30 - 5:30pm
United Church of Wayland
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

The Hands of Grace Food Pantry
United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan 269 673-4236
Tuesday: 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 9-11:45 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday: 10-11:45 a.m.
Food Pantry serves FOOD to residents of Allegan 49010 w/valid ID with current address ONLY.

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 Maple St. Hopkins
269 793-7340

Hungry for Christ
4565 135th Ave. Hamilton, 269 264-1307 x1000

Ladders of Hope USA - Food Assistance
717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, www.laddersofhopemi.org., 269-686-6456

Martin Area Resource Center
1445 10th St, Martin (269) 672-5605
No appointment needed. Pick up by one person per household.

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St. Martin 269 672-7097

Mobile Food Pantry, 2nd Monday of the Month: Drive Thru Food Distribution
Casco United Methodist Church 880 66th ST, South Haven MI 49090
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Project Hope
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616 681-4673 appt. only

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Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Street, lower level Allegan (269) 673-4625

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For more information call 269-430-3961 or check online at https://www.alleganevent.com

Allegan County Historical Society, Old Jail Museum.
Saturdays, 10 am – 4 pm, (269) 673-8292. Call to confirm hours or arrange for a private tour.
Email: oldjailmuseum06@yahoo.com Webpage: www.alleganoldjail.com

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Bear & Fox 141 Brady St. Allegan
Tues. 2-8pm; Wed.-Sat. 11am-5pm; Sun.-Mon closed
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Children's Book Box – Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church 631 Grand Street Allegan
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Iron Bridge Quilters - Thursdays, 10am-2pm
Blessed Sacrament Church 110 Cedar St. Allegan
All ages and levels of expertise are welcome. Create a piece for yourself, for a friend or for a charity. Contact Claudia at acrasmussen5@gmail.com or (269) 673-4579 for more information.

Rivertown Fitness for All Ages and Families
Rivertown Gym & Fitness, 739 Airway Dr. Allegan. Check on the Core and More class. Call Todd at 269 686-7900 or email rivertowngym@gmail.com for additional information.

Scouting: Allegan has a variety of scouting opportunities. Each group is meeting in different ways to stay safe.

Cub Scout Pack 3026: Grades K-5. Call Cub Master Ron Gunter ron.f.gunter@gmail.com

Boy Scouts BSA 91 (boys 11-17 yrs.): Contact Scout Master Rob Keen 269 568-0435, eckeen1112@gmail.com

Girls Troop BSA 191 (girls 11-17): Contact Sara Keen sarajkeen@gmail.com.

Senior Fitness/Fit Over 50: Fun fitness designed for ages 50-80plus!
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The Fairways:
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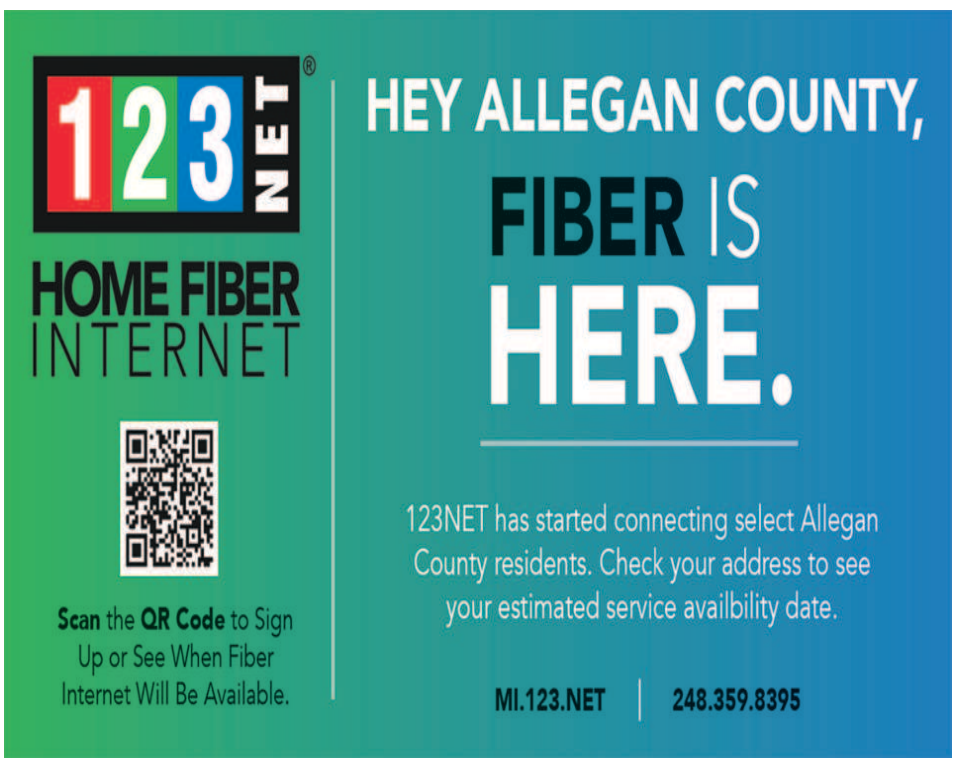
Contact: Email: smalltownamusements@gmail.com; Phone: 269 720-8137



Why Michigan Should Say "No" to Ranked-Choice Voting

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX

■ PUBLISHER ■

As Michigan stands at a crossroad on whether to adopt RankedChoice Voting (RCV) statewide, voters and policymakers ought to pause and ask: what problem is RCV truly solving — and at what cost? The case against this change is stronger than many realize, especially here in our state.

One of the first and most serious concerns is the increased complexity for voters. Under RCV, instead of simply marking a preferred candidate, voters must rank candidates in order of preference. Proponents argue this gives more choice. But for many voters, this introduces a new layer of confusion — especially when mixed with Michigan's already lengthy ballots covering federal, state, county, township, school, and special-district races.

The Michigan Association of County Clerks, a bipartisan group of election administrators, unanimously opposed the ballot measure this year, citing "inconsistency, voter confusion, voter fatigue" and the fact that "Michigan voters already face some of the longest and most complex ballots in the nation."

The association further worries that adding RCV to only some contests — while other races remain under the current system — will heighten confusion. What we risk is a system where a portion of voters perhaps unintentionally mis-fill ballots or simply feel alienated by the complexity.

Timeliness matters. Michigan voters are accustomed to receiving a sense of the outcome on election night. With RCV's multi-round counting and reallocation of ballots, the winner may not be known for days. That delay creates fertile ground for doubt, speculation, and a weakening of public confidence in the electoral process.

For instance, Alaska is one of the few states that offers rank choice voting. Their election results seem to always take several days to tabulate and their population is one-sixth the size of Michigan. I can't imagine how long it would take to determine results here.

County clerks agree saying it would take drastically longer" to determine winners, a delay that "erodes the public's trust by fueling uncertainty and misinformation." In a state as politically pivotal as Michigan, we cannot ignore the fact that timely transparency is part of maintaining legitimacy.

It's not just the initial count — the process of audits and recounts under RCV becomes more complex. Instead of a simple tally of ballots, there are rounds of elimination and reallocation. That makes transparent verification harder. Some critics argue that RCV poses risks to auditability. If our system becomes more complicated without adding clear benefits, we are introducing unnecessary risk.

"Ballot exhaustion" is the term for when a voter's ranked choices are all eliminated in successive rounds — leaving their vote uncounted in the final tally. Some research suggests this phenomenon occurs with greater frequency under RCV. Opponents argue that this undercuts majority rule and could disenfranchise voters who do not rank many candidates — a demographic that may include less engaged voters or those from disadvantaged communities.

Michigan's election infrastructure already bears unique challenges: long ballots, fragmented jurisdictions, and an electorate used to a relatively straightforward "choose one" vote. Introducing RCV could overwhelm not just voters, but election officials and clerks trying to administer the system.

The Michigan clerks' association specifically cited conflicts with existing state law and the Michigan Constitution as reasons for opposition. They argue that the proposed constitutional amendment to permit RCV would require sweeping change across many election-process rules – a heavy lift with significant risk.

Proponents of RCV say it gives more voice to voters, promotes more moderate candidates, and reduces "spoiler" problems. But the evidence is more mixed. Choosing a more complex system does not guarantee more representative outcomes. In fact, it could do just the opposite. It is possible a winner could be announced without a majority of the electorate voting for that person.

I harken back to Alaska. In the last U.S. Senate campaign, the winner of the Republican primary lost to the incumbent in the general election. That wouldn't have happened if RCV hadn't been in place. The incumbent would have been eliminated in the primary.

Amendments to how we vote should be made with great care. Michigan does not lack for opportunities to improve our existing electoral processes — auditing, reducing ballot length, improving voter education, modernizing equipment — without completely upending the voting method. If the current system is flawed, throwing in RCV adds risk rather than certainty.

At a time when trust in elections is fragile, Michigan should not rush into adopting ranked-choice voting statewide. The added complexity for voters, the delays and uncertainties in counts, the audit and recount risks, and the potential for disenfranchisement are all serious concerns. Without a clear guarantee of improved outcomes — and given the specific context of Michigan's election system — the prudent choice is to maintain the current system, focus on improving what already works, and avoid the unintended consequences of change.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

By G.C. Stoppel

Eighty years ago this month a new kitchen appliance revolutionized cooking thanks to a young engineer who had worked late into the night on projects for the military.

Percy Spencer had dropped out of school when he was 12 and as a teenager and enlisted in the Navy signal corps during World War I. His assignment was to send and receive messages, and in his spare time he became a self-taught mathematician and electric engineer.

Like most professional and amateur radio operators, he was constant experimenting. After the war, he took a job with Raytheon, the developers of advanced military-grade weapons.

By the time World War II broke out in Europe in 1939, radar was one of several ultra top-secret weapons.

My mother, a professor at Oklahoma City University, was sworn to secrecy and spent the war years teaching advanced math to future pilots, bombardiers, navigators and more service personnel who would continue to work to improve radar.

Because the classes were top secret, her students were not allowed to take home notes nor training materials out of her classroom. An MP made sure of it, going so far as to confiscate her notes and lesson materials at the end of each day.

Part of their classwork involved the theories developed by Spencer, who headed a team of Raytheon working on the Magnetron. It was a huge and complex machine made all the larger and heavier because it emitted often-dangerous microwaves that had to be safely shielded.

One day, while Spencer and his team were working on a new version of the Magnetron, he inadvertently left his Payday candy bar in his shirt pocket. To his horror, the candy bar melted and hot chocolate and caramel burned his skin.

Although it was not part of the work to which he was assigned, Spencer began testing his Magnetron on other foods. Microwaves trained on popcorn would make it pop. Water and other liquids could be heated to a boil, tepid coffee reheated and food cooked through plastic, paper and even glass. His team also quickly learned microwaves and metal do not work well together.

They experimented with endless foods, often with good results but sometimes not. Coffee beans could not be roasted, grapes could not be made into raisins nor plums into prunes.

Worse, a grape or other soft fruit that was cut and unfolded into two attached parts would create a violent plasma blast that destroyed the machine and shorted fuses in the circuits.

The real problems with magnetrons were the cost, size and weight. Even so, after the war the Navy bought them for their new nuclear-powered ships. There was, obviously, a limited market with the military. At over 750 pounds, standing about 6 feet tall and costing about $52,000 in today's money, homeowners and restaurants found them intriguing but impractical.

The Raytheon-owned small electronics manufacturing company in Iowa, Amana Corp., was well known for its kitchen appliances, so Raytheon turned their huge "radar range" over to that firm's engineers.

By 1967, Amana engineers had reduced the size of the behemoth down to an appliance fit for a kitchen. The price tag, however, was still high at just under $500.

Amana had to overcome another serious problem. The smaller box allowed microwaves to leak into the room. About the same time, electronic heart pacemakers were developed and the leaking waves sometimes led to fatal problems.

The firm's scientists went to work and resolved the problem, but bad publicity from the earlier models left people anxious. Sales were slow at first.

In less than 20 years, the more-efficient, safer and less-expensive microwave ovens replaced the stove/oven as the most popular kitchen appliance.

They are simple to operate. Just set the timer and power level, put something in the box and press the start button. At the appropriate time a satisfying tone lets the user know the food is done.

Of course, it helps knowing how long something is supposed to cook, and whether it should be on the low level defrost setting or the higher cook at full power. That was the catchy part, and producers of frozen food had to change the instructions on their packaging so they could be safely "nuked."

Today microwave ovens are far less expensive, although some owners claim they have such a short life they are practically disposable after a few years.

I learned that the hard way. I didn't know that warming up paraffin could be explosive but found out the afternoon I wanted to melt a chunk of it to pour over pinecones and make fire starters.

That afternoon there was no well-modulated "ping" but a loud bang when it exploded and took out the door. Fair warning: a block of pure beeswax is just as explosive. No one told me, so I learned that the hard way too.

Before Pat and I married, I did my own cooking, usually a frozen dinner using the microwave. It could be complicated, and a few times I converted what should have been a nice meal into a burnt offering that set off the smoke detectors.

The neighbors called the local fire department. That was kind of them but embarrassing when a crew turned up expecting an inferno and not a ruined meal.

After the second or third time they asked if I would mind calling the firehouse on the non-emergency line to let them know I was about to cook, so they could be on standby.

I went back to the microwave and learned a few things I want to pass on. First, frozen sauerkraut, when cooked on full power and left in the machine for too long might not explode, but it burns with a bright purple flame. It leaves behind a smoky residue that is next to impossible to get off the walls and doesn't smell very nice.

A frozen loaf of caraway rye bread left too long on high produces an eye-watering smoke that will also set off the smoke detectors. Tourists smelled it from the sidewalk and thought I was burning some sort of illegal substance.

This time they called the police about a possible crime being committed. By the time officers arrived, I had pitched the still-smoldering and no-longer-edible loaf into the garden. They came, saw, smelled and agreed no laws had been broken, but declined my offer to take the loaf as evidence. One of them said I shouldn't bury it in the garden because it might be an environmental hazard.

When Pat and I married, she took over the cooking and promoted me to cleaning off the table and washing up after the meal. It was safer that way.

Since she passed away, I've returned to cooking and so far, so good. I have even become creative. This summer I came up with a new recipe I like, especially when I can open the front and back doors and get a breeze through the house. You might enjoy it too.

Start with a cup or so of frozen spinach heated up for a couple minutes, then add a half tin of spicy chili beans, and a tin of smoked sardines or kippers. On top I put several slices of Limburger cheese.

Heat it for another 30 seconds and you've got three basic food groups: dairy, protein and dark leafy vegetables.

It is an acquired taste. Leave the windows or screened doors open for about 20 minutes and the aroma mostly dissipates before it wafts over to the neighbor's house.

Spencer died at 76, in 1970, all but forgotten as the inventor of the microwave. I still think of him every time I hear a smoke detector.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Otsego erred in removing book

Dear Editor:

The recent controversy over the removal of "Ponies," the short story by Kij Johnson, from the Otsego Middle School curriculum has generated a lot of discussion. I'm not in a position to talk about how and why Otsego came to the decision to remove the story, nor do I have enough room here to debate and discuss the literary merits of "Ponies." What I can do, however, is help describe why and how English teachers believe in diverse and challenging texts and the value they bring to our students and communities.

It's well established that reading contributes to mental wellness. The Scholastic Foundation recently published a landmark study that connects reading practices to both mental and physical health, noting a "clear link between regular reading and social and emotional development." The full report is easily searchable online. ("Reading for Life," 2023). In summary: more reading = better emotional and physical health.

In her article, "Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors,' (easily searchable online) Rudine Sims Bishop describes three ways that young people interact with literature that leads to higher order thinking: windows, mirrors, and sliding glass doors. Windows provide a way to see others; mirrors, a means to see and learn about ourselves– and be seen and validated along the way. The sliding glass door offers immersion and imagination. Reading produces empathy, engagement, and deep and nuanced critical thinking and writing. For marginalized readers – those bullied or on the edges of a community – reading can provide a place to see positive representations of themselves. It also gives readers an opportunity to enter into another person's experience and gain empathy and understanding.

When students read difficult texts – ones that take on challenging issues – they learn to sort knowledge and organize their thoughts, establish opinions, and communicate those opinions to others with different perspectives. Nothing is isolated: skills that students learn in 8th grade help t hem succeed in high school and college and beyond. When I was writing AP English exams a few years ago, we explicitly included complex readings and challenged students' ability to see understand and explain nuance through really complex questions and prompts. This ability only occurs through repeated practice beginning in elementary and middle school and then continually reinforced in high school.

Not all texts are appropriate for students. I was once a consultant for a district on a book marked for removal. In this case, it was a trade book that a teacher adopted for middle school. It was a good idea, but it was adopted an individual teacher, and the school wasn't ready for all the additional issues discussed in the text– adult situations, violence, and on. I ultimately recommended replacing it with a more traditional adolescent text. In Otsego, however, the text was part of a packaged curriculum by Heinemann, US's most prominent ELA publisher; there is no doubt that it was peer-reviewed and highly vetted before distribution. The text has been used at Otsego without incident since 2019, and, knowing the ELA faculty in Otsego, I'm confident that they prepared carefully their lessons and projects.

"Ponies" is now removed from Otsego. It's not the end of the world. Teaching and learning at Otsego will go on. But removing "Ponies' a warning. While it's a well-established parental right to remove a child from encountering a book, it's another thing altogether to remove an approved part of the curriculum from all students.

The world needs people who can think beyond their own experiences, Wide-ranging and challenging reading under the guidance of a skilled teacher makes this possible. Watering down a curriculum under the guise of protecting students from complex conversations is never a positive trend.

Jonathan Bush

Reader rants about government shutdown

To the editor:

Here we are, in the middle of the Republican created and enforced government shut down with Speaker Mike Johnson vowing not to negotiate and, instead, sending House members home. Of course he is merely following orders from the current occupant of our White House to not talk about healthcare. The fact that he follows these orders, without any shame, reflects the views of an increasingly rightwing Republican Party: constitutional government just doesn't work and must be replaced by a dictator and an elite group accountable only to themselves and to their wealthy supporters. How did we get here? The Big Ugly Bill, which Bill Huizenga voted for and continues to support, will soon make healthcare wildly expensive for millions. Republicans want to enshrine their opposition to healthcare for all Americans by forcing Democrats to support their flawed resolution. Democrats, for their part, are fighting to keep healthcare affordable. You see, common, ordinary, hardworking American taxpayers will soon begin receiving notices that healthcare costs are going to force them into difficult choices. In the meantime, Republican congress critters will continue to cash their paychecks, use their taxpayer financed healthcare and enjoy the other perks they've voted for themselves, all while on vacation. Nice work if you can convince enough people of your sincerity.

What is it that makes Republicans hate healthcare so much? Of all the advanced industrial nations, the United States is the only one without government supported universal healthcare. The Affordable Care Act (ACA/ ObamaCare) is the closest we've come to insuring a majority of United States' citizens. Republican leaders have hated the ACA (as popular as it is among their own constituents) ever since it was enacted. The same is true of Medicare and Medicaid. Now they want to defund these successful programs claiming "waste, fraud, and abuse" as well as asserting that these programs provide care for undocumented immigrants. Both these reasons are hogwash. Waste, fraud, and abuse in any of these programs is minimal. Have Republicans done anything to investigate what little there is and root it out? One person accused of massive Medicare fraud, Rick Scott, was never charged but his company paid an enormous fine while he walked away with a 10 million dollar cash settlement and 300 million dollars of company stock. Now he's a US senator aspiring to be president. Perfect credentials for a modern Republican politician. Abuse the system and get rewarded. Undocumented immigrants are already prohibited from using these programs under rules put in place during Reagan's administration. But, think of it: an immigrant, documented or not, comes into a an ER with a deadly contagious disease. Do you really want to bar that person from getting treatment, ensuring that the disease will spread?

Contact elected officials and tell them to support healthcare.

Bill Huizenga:
Holland office (616) 251-6741
Portage office (269) 569-8595
DC office (202) 225-4401
Mike Johnson:
DC office (202) 225-2777

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Obituaries

Charles Wayne "Chuck" Conklin

Charles Wayne "Chuck" Conklin
Lansing, MI formerly of Allegan, MI

Passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at the age of 66. Born November 23, 1958 to James and Wanda (Conklin) Kaake in Allegan, Michigan. Chuck was a graduate of Allegan High School and went to be a bus driver for the Allegan public schools. Later he went to work for the Perrigo Company working in pharmaceutical manufacturing and distribution. Chuck loved the outdoors, and his greatest passions were hunting and fishing. He was known to be stubborn but also had a big heart and he was funny. He enjoyed his peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and being around those he loved

Charles Wayne Conklin

including his dogs, Shooter, Max, Odie and Gia. Chuck was loved dearly and will be missed by all who remember him. Preceding him in death were his wife, Diane Conklin; parents, James and Wanda Kaake; adopted parents, Wayne and Frances Conklin; brothers, Larry Conklin, Gary Conklin and sister, Peggy Conklin-Tisbrow.

Surviving are his son, Jeston Ripley; grandchildren, Layla Ripley, Liam Ripley; sisters, Ann (Larry) Starring, Laura (David) Schultz, Brenda Anzueto, Kathy (Mike) Schlubatis, Carla (Richard) Moore; step-mother, Barbara Kaake as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at Skinner Funeral Home, Lansing Chapel. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service for visitation. To share memories, condolences and view a live stream of the service please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHomes.com

Samuel C. Edgerton

Samuel C. Edgerton passed away on September 18, 2025, at the age of 90. Sam was born on October 24, 1934, to Milton C. and Jennie (Liberty) Edgerton.

His early years were spent growing up on a farm in the Plainwell area. After spending some time at MSU, he worked for Valley Metal, where he had the opportunity to travel and see much of the United States. In the 1970s, Sam worked for Miller Davis and later retired from Stress Core as an accomplished Iron Worker.

Sam loved God, his family, friends, and everything outdoors. He raised Clydesdale horses and was always happy to harness a team for

Samuel C. Edgerton

family hayrides or to pull Santa at Christmas parades in Kalamazoo and surrounding areas.

Sam is preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Fred (Katie) Edgerton, Milt (Fran) Edgerton, Hal (Pat) Edgerton, Don (Gladys) Edgerton, Margaret (Larry) Brown, Bobby Edgerton, and Marilyn Edgerton; and his son-in-law Mike Wager He is survived by his loving daughter Amy (Edgerton) Wager; son Rob Sonneville; grandchildren Jim (Sarah Bone) Kiefer, Lane (Erica Garcia) Kiefer, Chase Kiefer, Paige (Chris) Schultz, Brooke (Thanh) Do, Erika (Timmy Duong) Sonneville; and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Sam will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Rebecca Jean Leggett

In Loving Memory of Becky Leggett
September 28, 1954 – October 8, 2025

Rebecca Jean Leggett, beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 8, 2025, surrounded by family and friends.

Born on September 28, 1954, in Allegan, Michigan, Becky lived a life full of laughter, compassion, and unwavering love. From a young age, she had a deep connection to animals and the outdoors. As a proud member of 4-H, she found joy in riding and showing horses — a passion that reflected her gentle heart, patience, and devotion to caring for others.

After graduating from high school in 1973, Becky attended classes at KVCC before beginning her career at GreenStone Farm Credit Services, where she worked for many years. Seeking something more meaningful, she later began a second career at Arbor Circle, where she found true purpose in helping others through her clerical work in the mental health field. She cared deeply for her coworkers, earning the title "Mom of the Allegan office." Many current and former employees became part of her extended family.

Becky attended the Allegan First Church of God for many years, where she faithfully served as treasurer, board member, and youth leader in her younger years. Her relationship with Christ was the cornerstone of her life. She loved like Jesus — fully, freely, and without judgment — and her faith

Rebecca Jean Leggett

shone through in every word and deed. Becky's strength, kindness, and wisdom made her a mentor to many, and her quiet service reflected the heart of someone deeply rooted in God's love.

She was known for her bright spirit, honesty, and her ability to make everyone feel valued. Her laughter — warm and contagious — could fill any room and lift any heart. Becky found joy in life's simple moments: sharing stories, spending time with loved ones, and finding light even in difficult times.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur "Red" and Mary (Weaver) Leggett, and her siblings, Rodney "Rod" Leggett and Christine "Chris" Leggett-Meade.

She is survived by her niece Sarah Leggett-Meade; nephews Jamie (Mary) Leggett, Jason (Jamie) Leggett, and Mitchell (Nicole) Meade; and many great-nieces, nephews, cousins, and beloved "adopted family" who adored her. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Michael Meade, sister-in-law Nanette "Nan" Leggett, and cousin Karen Golliver — each of whom held a special place in her heart.

Becky is now reunited with her family, loved ones and her Charlie dog who went before her — sharing stories and laughter as bright and joyful as her spirit here on earth.

A celebration of Becky's life will be held on November 8th at Allegan First Church of God, 1313 Marshall St. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a service at 12:00 p.m. followed by a luncheon. Pastor Tim Secord will be officiating. Family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and honor her life with love, laughter, and gratitude for the faith-filled legacy she leaves behind.

Memorials may be made to the Allegan First Church of God for the Building Fund.

Though she may be gone from sight, Becky's spirit remains — in every sunrise over an open field, in every act of kindness, and in every heart she touched with the love of Jesus.

"Her laughter still echoes,
her love still surrounds,
And her faith will forever light our way."

While visiting Becky's webpage at www.amsfuneralhomes.com please sign the guestbook and/or share a memory with the family.

The family is being assisted by Avink, McCowen & Secord Funeral Home; 120 S. Woodhams St. Plainwell, MI 49080 (269-685-5881).

Curtis Dean Hill

Curtis Dean Hill, of Holland , MI, passed away on Monday, August 11th. He was 73 years old. He is survived by his mother, Susie Hill, his sister, Karen Blystone, and his brothers, Brad Hill and Brian Hill. He was preceded in death by his father, Scott Hill. He left behind an extended family of friends in Indiana and Michigan.

Curt was born on June 27th,1952 in Cheyenne, Wyoming to Scott and Susie Hill. He graduated from

Curtis Dean Hill

Columbus High School in 1970, where he was a member of the gymnastics team. He attended Indiana University and had a long career as a Human Resources Manager. In 1999, Curt closed his career in Human Resources to create his own company, Hill Painting. Curt was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was talented in the kitchen, and he enjoyed playing golf with friends. He will be greatly missed by many.

Mary Ellen Wright

Mary Ellen Wright died unexpectedly but peacefully on Sunday, October 12, 2025, in her favorite chair at the home where she and her late husband Harold raised their family.

Born on April 17, 1944, to Donna Devers in Carson City, MI, Mary was raised by Fred and Tillie Pritz (and later her stepfather, Glenn Gamble) in Kalamazoo. She married Harold in 1963, and the couple settled in Plainwell, where Mary happily raised their four children while Harold worked.

More than anything, Mary loved her family, and she loved adding to her family. With her small stature, big heart, and bright shoes, she'd often "adopt" her kids' and grandkids' friends into her circle, come across "long-lost cousins" at stores and random events, and feed whatever animals, domestic or wild, that would stray into her backyard. She considered all of these her family, and if they had an address to send a Christmas or birthday card to, by God she was going to send it, sometimes with the wrong date or address or even card, but always with her entire love and a share of her limited resources.

At Mary's request, the majority of this obituary is to be devoted to that family, both living and dead, biological and chosen, whom she surrounded herself with during her 81 years. In the months leading up to her passing, Mary sought at every opportunity to tell those she loved

Mary Ellen Wright

how much she loved them and wanted everyone to know how good her life was because they were in it.

This family includes, but certainly is not limited to, her: Husband, Harold Wright; Children, Tammy Lober (Doug Verpooten), Tari Wright (Kevin Christensen), Tom (Barb) Wright, and Traci (Mike) Bosch; Grandchildren, Ryan (Jessica) Shook, Mark (Kelli) Shook, Brandon Lober, Michael (Amanda) Christensen, Renee (Nick) Snape, Daton Wright (Alyssa Wesler), Macayla Wright (Dusty Gibson), Dustin (Charity) McNees, Rachael (Dallas) Fuller, and Daniel "Squeek" Bosch; Great-grandchildren, Kobe, Ava, Ella, Jayrd, and Sawyer Shook, Maylee Shook, Audrey (Michael) Ritter, Leah (Jonah) Dean, Jackson Meyer, Jessa, Quinn, and Nolan Christensen, Tanner Snape, and Caige, Cohen, Praxus, and Rei McNees; Special relatives, Stan and June Thomas, Doug Thomas, Peggy Hughes (Thomas Hughes), Christen Baxter, Jessica Baxter, Brittany (Cody) Watkins, Tom and Jean Hurlbut, Jim and Fran Hurlbut, Laurie and Bob Hamilton, Cousin Deb, Linda Schanz, Mathew Hamilton, Beth and Craig Hardford, Austin Hardford, Gordie and Jane Dangremond, Dan (Kim) Dangremond, Scott (Connie) Dangremond), Kara Dangremond, Alli Dangremond, and Kyle (Nikki) Harnden; Special friends, Gloria and Ernie Piechocki, Jimmy Piechocki, Sharon Metheny, Suki Jorgensen, Sandy Brink, Karen Romanak, Jeff Lyons, Ann Kling, Vic Beaune, and numerous Peace Lutheran friends. The hundreds of dogs, cats, deer, birds, goats, raccoons, squirrels, opossums, chipmunks, farm animals, and other wildlife Mary and Harold met and took care of throughout their 41-year marriage; and Anyone else who feels their name should be on this list.

If you think you were a part of Mary's family in any capacity, she would agree. Services will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Peace Lutheran Church in Otsego, MI, with Visitation from 10-11 a.m., Service at 11, followed by a light lunch. Anyone wishing to donate in Mary's memory can donate to the Wishbone Pet Rescue. Messages of condolence may be posted at www.WinkelFuneralHome.com.

Letters to the Editor

Peters, Slotkin responsible for shutdown

To the Editor,

Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin are shutting down the federal government to get $1.5 Trillion for Big Insurance and illegals. Are they trying to turn Michigan into California?

It's easy to give away other people's money, but it's not sustainable. If our US Senators want to be charitable, I wish they would volunteer their personal time or money instead of ours.

They could learn a lot from Allegan County. Every week The Allegan News features hard-working local charities like Sylvia's Place, Project Hope, and churches serving meals. That's what sustainable charity organizations look like. The quiet, nearly invisible way Allegan County residents directly help their neighbors is even better.

In contrast, California is home to a whopping 1/3 of people on public assistance in the United States. It became a magnet for poverty with open borders and Medicaid for all ages, regardless of immigration status. (Medi-Cal Immigrant Eligibility website)

Twenty-seven percent of the population of California is foreign-born, compared to 16% of the rest of the US. That's impossible to assimilate, and they're not even trying. (Daily Signal)

The Golden State has come to stand for high crime, high taxes, poor social services, and terrible school test scores and road accidents. Twenty percent of CA residents can't or don't pay their electric bills.

Both Michigan and California have a special tax on insurance to "launder" Medicaid money and get more federal match funds. However, California's tax is far higher. It pulls over $16 billion from this scheme, while Michigan pulls less than $2 billion. (Paragon Institute)

And that's why I say our Senators bargaining healthcare for illegals is actually a huge giveaway to California. If they get their way, Michigan and other taxpayers will get stuck with California's bill until our poverty becomes as great as theirs. At that point, we're all sunk.

What ever happened to US Senators representing the people who elected them?

Abigail Nobel

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Major updates underway in Downtown Allegan

Big things are happening in Downtown Allegan! From new restaurants and retailers to public improvements and artistic touches, the region is buzzing with progress.

Private and public investments alike are helping transform storefronts, brighten alleys, and create new opportunities for residents and visitors to shop, dine, and connect. Every project adds to the energy and character that makes Downtown Allegan a place people love to be.

Take a look at some of the latest updates happening around town and read about each in the accompanying captions to learn more!

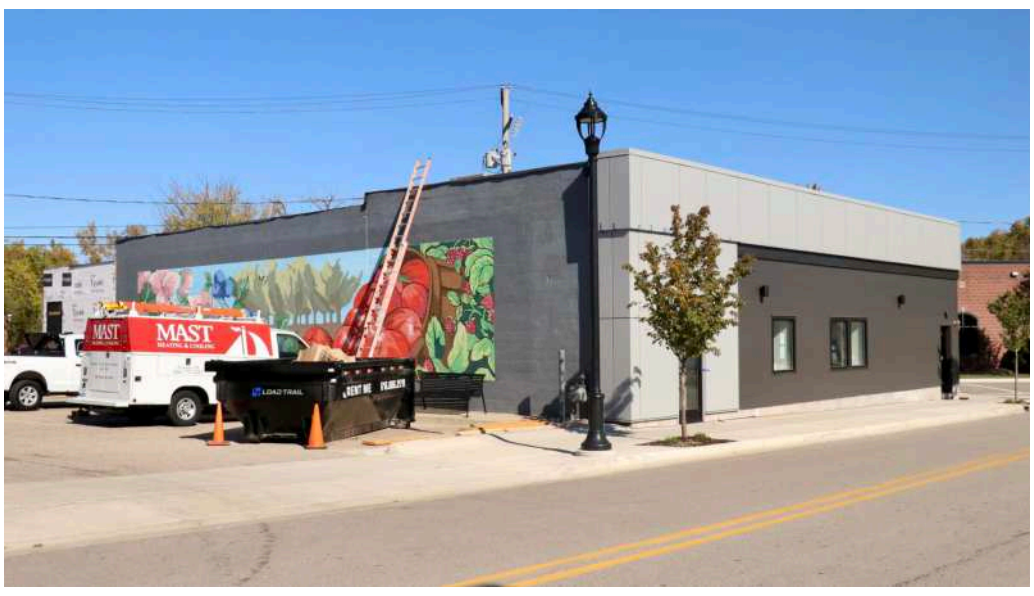
All photos from Downtown Allegan's Facebook page.

The City of Allegan continues investing in downtown improvements, including the installation of new pedestrian crosswalks along Water Street. The upgraded crossings connect key businesses such as Mug Shots Coffeehouse and Trowbridge Plaza, promoting both safety and accessibility.

The Sassy Olive has introduced a colorful display of community art along the "Positively Allegan" wall. The installation, featuring artwork by residents of all ages, brightens the alleyway between The Sassy Olive and The Regent Theatre with lighted accents and local creativity.

Inside Davis Diamonds Designs, construction is progressing steadily as the new jewelry business prepares to open its doors. A new storefront sign has been installed on Locust Street, next to Morgan Appliances, signaling that the debut is drawing near.

211 Locust Street, formerly home to Bubba's Sports Bar, is being transformed into Another Mother, a small-plate and cocktail lounge. The project includes extensive interior and exterior renovations aimed at giving the downtown building a refreshed and modern appeal.



El Jaripeo II, a new Mexican restaurant, will soon open at 110 Hubbard Street, the former site of On The Grid. The owners, known for their Fennville location, are expanding the dining area while preserving the community mural sponsored by the Allegan Area Arts Council.

Schaendorf Brewing Company, which opened in 2018, is updating its interior to better accommodate large groups. The renovation will introduce new private seating areas in the adjoining Water Street spaces, enhancing the experience for both local patrons and visitors.

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NOTICE

Fillmore, Heath, Manlius Townships Boards, along with the Hamilton Inter-Local Fire Board, will be holding a joint meeting, on October 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM. The location will be at the Hamilton Ref Church, 3554 Lincoln Rd., Hamilton, MI. To discuss the ownership of the Hamilton Fire Station, located at 3440 Lincoln Rd., Hamilton, MI.

Ron Jones
Heath Township Supervisor
Hamilton Inter-Local Chair

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

TOWNSHIP OF SALEM
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALEM, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinances were adopted by the Salem Township Board at a regular meeting held Tuesday, October 14th, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-14-2025:

SECTION I. ADOPTION OF REPLACEMENT ZONING ORDINANCE.

a. The Salem Township Zoning Ordinance has been entirely replaced with a new zoning ordinance developed over eighteen (18) months of deliberation and collaboration by the Planning Commission, Township Board, and planning staff. Said replacement ordinance was developed in accordance with the goals, objectives, and data included within the 2024 Salem Township Master Plan. Proposed changes include but are not limited to:
   a. Addition and alterati on of definitions for improved clarity and disambiguation.
   b. Addition of regulations for commercial and noncommercial solar energy conversion systems; Commercial solar energy systems to be permitted by special use permit within the I-1 Industrial District.
   c. Addition of RMH Manufactured Home Park District to increase Township control over specific forms of development.
   d. Relocation of uses to more appropriate zoning districts.
   e. Reorganization of Township chapters and sections for clarity and ease of navigation.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.
These Ordinances shall take effect eight (8) days following publication after adoption. This section provides for the repeal of any conflicting Ordinances.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of Salem Township Ordinance 10-14-2025 is available at Salem Township Hall, 3003 142nd Avenue, during normal business hours, or upon request from the Salem Township Clerk.

Renee Busscher, Clerk
Salem Township
3003 142nd Ave/PO Box 49
Burnips, MI 49314
(616) 896-9857

NOTICE

OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
TOWNSHIP OF HOPKINS
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPKINS, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance was adopted by the Hopkins Township Board at a regular meeting held at Hopkins Township Hall, 127 S. Franklin St., Hopkins, MI, at 7:30 pm on Monday, October 13, 2025 as summarized below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15: An amendment to the Hopkins Township Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of regulating accessory and principal use solar energy systems (SES) and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

ARTICLE I. Amends Section 157.056 to define and regulate SES and BESS as accessory or principal uses within certain zoning districts by right or by Special Use Permit.

ARTICLE II. SEVERABILITY. This section provides for the repeal of any conflicting Ordinances.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall take effect eight days following publication after adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a true copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk at Hopkins Township Office and that a copy of this Ordinance may be inspected, reviewed or purchased by contacting the undersigned during regular business hours on regular working days. A copy of this Ordinance may also be viewed on the Township website at www.hopkinstownship.org.

STACEY TIMMER, CLERK
HOPKINS TOWNSHIP
PO BOX 217, HOPKINS, MI 49328
269-793-3188

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE
OF INTENT TO ISSUE
SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS
TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ALLEGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan (the "City") intends to issue bonds, in one or more series, in an amount of not to exceed $10,040,000 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds shall be issued to pay the cost to design, purchase, acquire and construct improvements to the City's Sanitary Sewer System, including without limitation, the replacement of sewer mains, improvements to sewer mains, lining of sewer mains and construction of new sewer mains, construction of a sludge thickening process at the Allegan Water Resource Recovery Plant, the restoration of streets, rights-of-way and easements affected by the improvements and related facilities, as well as all work, equipment, and appurtenances necessary or incidental to these improvements and such other improvements to the Sanitary Sewer System as the City may determine to make, and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds and capitalized interest, if any.

The Bonds of this issue shall mature within the maximum terms permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law payable over not more than forty (40) years from the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from the net revenues derived from the operation of the Sanitary Sewer System. In addition, the Bonds may be secured by the full faith and credit of the City as limited by applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations on the taxing power of the City.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The Bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors approving such Bonds, unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Intent, a petition requesting a referendum, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the limits of the City, whichever is lesser, shall have been filed with the Clerk of the City or other recording officer of the City requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds. If such a petition is filed, the Bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors residing within the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This Notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94.

Tracy J. Stull, Clerk

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE
OF INTENT TO ISSUE
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS
TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ALLEGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan (the "City") intends to issue bonds, in one or more series, in an amount of not to exceed $7,270,000 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds shall be issued to pay the cost to design, purchase, acquire and construct improvements to the City's Water Supply System, including without limitation, improving water mains, replacing existing water mains and installing new water mains, and other water main work, the restoration of streets, rights-of-way and easements affected by the improvements and related facilities, as well as all work, equipment, and appurtenances necessary or incidental to these improvements and such other improvements to the Water Supply System as the City may determine to make, and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds and capitalized interest, if any.

The Bonds of this issue shall mature within the maximum terms permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law payable over not more than forty (40) years from the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from the net revenues derived from the operation of the Water Supply System. In addition, the Bonds may be secured by the full faith and credit of the City as limited by applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations on the taxing power of the City.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The Bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors approving such Bonds, unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Intent, a petition requesting a referendum, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the limits of the City, whichever is lesser, shall have been filed with the Clerk of the City or other recording officer of the City requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds. If such a petition is filed, the Bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors residing within the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

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Otsego Fire Dept. joins statewide safety campaign

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

According to research by the National Fire Prevention Association, the risk of dying by a home fire is cut by 60 percent in homes with working smoke alarms.

Working fire alarms also help reduce injuries and property loss/damage associated with fires.

That's why the Otsego Fire Department has joined the MI Prevention, a statewide fire-safety campaign through the State Fire Marshal, the Bureau of Fire Services and Michigan's fire-safety organizations.

Through its partnership with MI Prevention, the Otsego Fire Department will be installing smoke alarms in homes free of charge and educating consumers on fire-safety practices.

The City of Otsego, Otsego Township and other targeted areas are eligible for the free smoke alarms, according to Otsego Fire Department director Brad Misner.

"Having working smoke alarms in your home and making fire safety a constant priority are the best ways to prevent fires before they start, and stop fire-related deaths and injuries," Misner said. "The lives of all Michiganders depend on fire safety, education and awareness."

The program is more than a simple alarm give-away program. Rather, it includes the actual installation of the alarms as well as an educational component "intended to increase awareness and knowledge of fire safety" and "to achieve sustained behavioral change."

To set up the no-cost fire-safety home visit, homeowners can contact the Otsego Fire Department by calling (269) 694-4390 or by emailing otsegofire@cityofotsego.org.

Upon arriving at the home, trained MI Prevention volunteers consisting of fire and emergency personnel from the Otsego Fire Department in the City of Otsego and Otsego Township will install 10-year life expectancy alarms.

While open to all homeowners, the program is particularly focused on groups considered to be most at-risk when it comes to fire-related deaths and injuries.

"We're focusing on two groups that are affected most by fire fatalities: adults over age 40 and children under age nine," State Fire Marshal Thomas Hughes Jr. said. "Nearly 80 percent of Michigan's population are in these high-risk groups, and it's where we've seen the greatest number of fire deaths."

As part of the program, the Otsego Fire Department is working to educate citizens, increase awareness, correct bad habits and cut down on unsafe behavior in homes across Otsego. MI Prevention is also educating more than 30,000 firefighters in Michigan to fully understand community risk reduction concepts in an effort to maximize fire prevention efforts in their own counties.

MI Prevention is built around a community risk reduction (CRR) program first introduced in Michigan by the Vision 20/20 and National Fire Protection Association in 2017. It's comprised of representatives from fire service, law enforcement, school officials and other public and private organizations and community leaders.

Consumers can find more resources and safety information at the MI Prevention website: www.MIPrevention.org.

NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE ALLEGAN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
BATES DRAIN

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Wednesday, October 29, 2025
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Dorr Township Hall
4196 18th Street
Dorr, MI 48323
QUESTIONS: (269) 673-0440

A petition, dated June 1, 2020, was previously filed with the Allegan County Drain Commissioner for the maintenance and improvement of the Bates Drain. As a result, a Board of Determination was held for the Bates Drain and determined the petitioned maintenance and improvement was necessary and conducive to public health, convenience, or welfare. Following the finding of necessity, the Drain Commissioner has worked with its engineers and began designing the Bates Drain project. Part of that design process has included coordination with Dorr Township. On May 22, 2025, the Township filed an additional petition requesting: (1) the consolidation of the Sink Drain with the Bates Drain, to be known as the Bates Drain; and (2) maintenance and improvement of the Bates Drain as consolidated.

As a result of the May 22, 2025, petition, a Board of Determination is required to meet, hear all interested persons, receive evidence, and determine whether the proposed consolidation of the drains known and designated as the Sink Drain and the Bates Drain, to be known as the Bates Drain, and the consolidation of the Sink Drain Drainage District and the Bates Drain Drainage District, to be known as the Bates Drain Drainage District, is conducive to public health convenience, or welfare. The Board will also determine whether the maintenance and improvement of the Bates Drain as consolidated is necessary and conducive to public health, convenience or welfare. This hearing is taking place pursuant to Chapters 8 and 19 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended. A map of the Bates Drain and Sink Drain drainage district boundaries can be found on the Drain Commissioner's website at: https://www.allegancounty.org/departments/drain-office/public-notices-events.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination outlining a brief history of the drainage districts and describing the roles, responsibilities, and decisions to be made by the Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the drainage districts and facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the drainage districts. The Board of Determination will make its decisions at the end of the meeting.

Following the decision of the Board of Determination, the Drain Commissioner and the project engineer will hold a separate informational meeting to provide an update regarding the current status of the Bates Drain petition project.

Proceedings conducted at the Board of Determination will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Anyone aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a.

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Lake Michigan College
LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE CHARTER MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION FOR OPERATING AND GENERAL PURPOSES

This proposition is to renew a charter millage for community college operating and general purposes which will expire with the 2026 tax levy. The previously voted charter tax rate limitation on the amount of taxes imposed upon all taxable property within the community college district boundaries of Lake Michigan College, Michigan would be renewed in the amount of .6655 mill for a period of twenty (20) years, 2027 through 2046. The renewal would provide funds to be used for operating purposes and for all purposes authorized by law. If approved, the estimated revenue the millage would raise in 2027 is approximately $8,900,000.

LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE CHARTER MILLAGE RENEWAL AND REDUCTION PROPOSITION FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES

This proposition is to renew and reduce a charter millage for community college capital purposes that will expire with the 2026 levy. The previously voted charter tax rate limitation on the amount of taxes imposed upon all taxable property within the community college district boundaries of Lake Michigan College, Michigan would be renewed and reduced to the amount of 0.24 mill for a period of ten (10) years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, for the purpose of safety and security improvements, energy efficiency upgrades, renovation of instructional spaces, instructional technology upgrades, and other capital improvements. If approved, the estimated revenue the millage would raise in 2027 is approximately $3,200,000.

Zeeland Public Schools
ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

This bond proposal will not affect the current school millage amount. The Zeeland Public Schools, which services Ottawa and Allegan Counties, Michigan, would like to borrow the sum not to exceed One Hundred Eighty-Six Million Dollars ($186,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of: erecting, remodeling, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings, facilities, and additions to school buildings and facilities; furnishing and refurnishing school buildings and facilities; purchasing school buses; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and acquiring, preparing, developing, improving and equipping athletic fields, play fields, playgrounds, structures, facilities and sites.

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2027 is 2.81 mills for a 0.00 mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding is twenty-one (21) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.90 mills ($3.90 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation).

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to furnish classrooms with trained staff and appropriate materials to ensure a high quality curriculum. That curriculum was ranked #1 in the United States and enabled children to develop social, emotional and academic skills that would have been missing if they had stayed at home.

When the program transitioned to the Great Start Collaborative, all 4-year-olds, no matter economic status, were included in the program. School districts began working together and still collaborating with Head Start to provide classrooms for all 4-year-olds in the county.

When Brown referred to the withholding of funds being "hypocritical", the reference was to the outcomes prescribed by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential's Office of Early Childhood Education:

Outcome 1: Children are born healthy.

Outcome 2: Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade.

Outcome 3: Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry.

Outcome 4: Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

The Great Start Collaboratives included all stakeholders – parents, caregivers, community leaders, and organizations invested in early childhood development. By working together, barriers were identified so programs could be focused on the needs of children and families in each area.

All of those efforts are now unfunded. There are no longer pre-K programs for all. Families will again be vying for Head Start slots with many being left at home either because of a lack of funds to pay for preschool programs or because programs are not available locally meaning transportation is required.

Brown explained that there will be severe cuts with three staff members being laid off and 52 parents being informed that the 4-year-old program is no longer available. The coming weeks will reveal the full affect of the state leadership's decision.

Local communities, DHHS battle over mental health funding may come to end

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — The expensive legal battle between the state's health and human services department (DHHS) and local community mental health organizations may be nearing an end in the obscure Court of Clams, former county commissioner James Storey reports. DHHS, through which much of the funding for local mental health agencies flows, has proposed shrinking the 10 current "PIHP's" into three mega bodies. PIHP is the acronym for prepaid inpatient health plan.

"The department also proposes allowing profit organizations to bid on delivering the services through the three new entities. The department issued a request for proposals (RFP) in August for all entities to submit implementation proposals. The existing PIHP's attorneys, one of which is OnPoint, Allegan County's community mental health agency, argued that none of the existing PIHPs could submit a bid because current DHHS regulations prohibit them from bidding outside their existing territory.

"Allegan On Point is part of the Lakeshore Regional Entity PIHP) The state attorneys argue DHHS has the delegated authority from the legislature to configure how mental services are delivered. The Court of Claims judge is expected to release his opinion and order on October 14. This battle of the bureaus has been waging for the last year when DHHS director Hertel announced plans to solicit proposals for changing the structure of mental health delivery systems.

"The state spends hundreds of millions of dollars annually in ensuring those needing mental health services can access services. For the competing bureaucracies, the financial stakes are high. No matter how the judge decides, Michigan taxpayers are on the hook to pay the legal bills of both sides."

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Manlius Township

3134 57 th st
Fennville MI, 49408
ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL MEETING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of Manlius Township will hold a public hearing on Monday November3, 2025, commencing at 5:00 P.M. at the Manlius Township Hall located at 3134 57th ST, Fennville MI

Matter(s) to be discussed, locations of accessory buildings and private road access.

1) MCAP Fennville Propco LLC are requesting a variance for fence height. The property address is 2464 55 th street, Fennville MI 49408. The property number is 03-14-033-009-70, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Ordinance which applies is Article III, Section 1.0311.1, Fences, Walls and Hedges, proposed fence height is 8 feet. allowed height is 6 feet.
2) Such other matters as may properly come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals reserves the right to amend requested variance(s).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the General Development Master Plan and Manlius Zoning Ordinance are available for public examination at the Manlius Township Hall, located at 3134 57th St, Fennville Michigan 49408up to and including the date of the public hearing, and may also be examined at the public hearing. Further, written comments will be received from any interested persons at the offices of the Township Hall up to and including the date of the public hearing before said hearing time and may also be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals, at said public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Manlius Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk, Mathew Rooks, 3134 57th Street, Fennville Mi 49408-9470 or by telephoning him at 269-561-8855. Manlius Township

Manlius Township Clerk
Mathew Rooks

NOTICE

OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
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TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following is a sample of Ordinance 531, which was adopted by the Allegan City Council at a regular meeting held October 13, 2025.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLEGAN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 16.13 - FENCES

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the City of Allegan Ordinance 531 is available at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge St, during normal business hours, or upon request form the Allegan City Clerk.

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SUMMARY

Otsego Township
October 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Winn.

Members Present: Winn, Colin, Lunarde-Alexander, Gudith, Moll, Bumgart.

Members Absent: Burns.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approved Minutes from the September 8th regular meeting.

Approved bills in the amount of $665,766.21.

Approved Planning Commission Case 25-04: New Leaf Management, LLC Special Use Permit, with stipulations, per the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Approved the authorization of Clerk Colin to discontinue the contract with Archangel Safety.

Adjourned the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

Submitted by: Jen Colin, Otsego Township Clerk.

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Otsego girls golf places 13th at Division 3 State Finals

The Otsego girls golf team competing at the Division 3 State Finals as a team for the second straight year. (Photo provided)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

EAST LANSING—For the second straight season, the Otsego girls golf team was among the participants in the Division 3 State Finals.

After placing ninth last year, the Bulldogs finished 13th this season with a score of 813 in the two-day tournament that took place at Forest Akers West on Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18.

"I was very proud of their efforts and not giving up when things weren't going our way," Otsego coach Michael Miller said, noting the challenge course and tough pin placements.

Otsego finished day one tied for 10th place at 400 for the 18 holes. Day two saw the Bulldogs shoot 413.

In addition to bringing the 2025 season to and end, the State Finals also marked the end of the high school career of senior Avery Selent.

Selent, who shot a team-best 187 (91 on day one and 96 on day two) to place 28th in the individual standings, was called "a legend" by Miller.

"We will greatly miss Avery, who has been one of the team's anchors for the past two years," Miller said. "She leaves behind a legacy as one of the best players to ever compete for Otsego High School."

Junior Annika Quakenbush shot a 190 (93-97) to place 31st, while fellow junior Malania Miller (102-106—208 to place 57th) and sophomore Alissa Holmes (114-114—228 to place 98th) were the other scoring golfers for Otsego.

Junior Madden Fitzpatrick (134-117—251 to place 107th) was the fifth competitor for the Bulldogs.

During the regular season, Otsego set several records.

The team set both the 9-hole and 18-hole school record and was statistically one of the best girls golf teams in Wolverine Conference history. Notably, the Bulldogs set a Wolverine Conference Jamboree 9-hole record of 162 and tied a Wolverine Conference Tournament record of 352.

Event wins for Otsego included:

* The Lady Cardinal Invite at Katke Golf Course.
* The Wolverine Conference Tournament.
* Wolverine Conference Overall Champion (winning six of eight Jamborees).
* A Regional Championship.

And while replacing Selent will be no easy task, Coach Miller is excited about his team's chances of continuing to build on its success next season.

"The team returns four players who competed in the state finals this year, along with several younger golfers who are hungry and ready for a breakout season," he said.

"It was a great season and as a coach it will always be one of my favorites. They were a great group of young ladies to be around and I am looking forward to next season already."

Plainwell claims second district title in three years

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Wolverine Conference portion of the season didn't go exactly the way the Plainwell boys soccer team had hoped.

The Trojans, who had their sights set on contending for the league title, ultimately finished fourth thanks to a loss to Paw Paw and ties against Edwardsburg and Sturgis.

Despite that frustration, Plainwell coach Ryan Beauregard and his players entered the postseason knowing they had the chance to pursue another championship.

"Finishing fourth in the Wolverine Conference was a tough and humbling moment," Beauregard said. "But instead of folding, the team responded the right way, by regrouping for districts."

That response paid dividends in the form of a 2-0 win over Harper Creek in a Division 2 district final on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The district crown was the second in the three years since Beauregard has been head coach.

"This district title means a lot to me and to our program," Beauregard said. "It shows how much the players and coaches have invested in building something sustainable. It also validates the work these boys have put in all season."

Harper Creek was playing in a district title game for the first time in school history.

"Our staff prepared for the unique challenges Harper Creek presented and the boys fully embraced it," Beauregard said. "They had a strong midfield and a senior-led backline, and they pushed us at times.

"We trusted ourselves, stayed organized and executed when it mattered most. Every player contributed to this title, whether it was on the field in big moments or pushing teammates in training."

It didn't take long for the Trojans (11-6-5) to seize momentum, as Salim Dadzie scored off an assist from Kegan Braybrooks just 1:26 into the first half.

That early lead put the Beavers (12-6) on the heels right from the start.

"Whenever a team comes out and scores right away, it really puts your back against the wall," Harper Creek coach Kyle Grestini said. "That's what Plainwell did to us."

The score remained unchanged throughout the remainder of the first half and well into the second half until there was 12:28 left to play.

That's when Braybrooks found the back of the net—assisted by Niko Oberhill—to give the Trojans some breathing room.

"Salim and Kegan both came through in big moments with an early goal to set the tone and a late goal to finish the game," Beauregard said. "That is what it takes to win championships."

Carson Vos and the defense did the rest, keeping the Beavers off the scoreboard.

Vos finished with 10 saves.

"This was a complete team performance," Beauregard said. "From the opening whistle, the boys were focused and composed against a very good Harper Creek side.

"Carson was excellent in goal and made some big saves when we needed him. Our backline, led by Logan Swartz and Niko Oberhill, stayed disciplined under pressure. Our midfield battled hard to win either the first or second balls and keep us moving forward."

Plainwell was slated to face Edwardsburg in a regional semifinal on Tuesday, Oct. 21, in a rematch of the 2-2 regular-season tie between the teams. Edwardsburg ended up winning the Wolverine Conference title. The winner of that game will face the winner of the other semifinal—either Mason or Unity Christian—in the regional final today (Thursday, Oct. 23) at 6 p.m. at Mattawan.

Plainwell's Gavyn Steele prepares for a throw-in during the district final game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Blackhawks fall in district finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

COMSTOCK—During the regular season, the Fennville boys soccer team earned a 2-1 win over South Haven a game that was dominated by defense.

Blackhawks coach Kyle Nevenzel expected a similar type of game when the teams met with a Division 3 district championship on the line on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

"Coming in, we fully expected this to be a tough battle," Nevenzel said. "We played a close one against them in the regular season and knew this game was going to be no different."

Fennville battled South Haven in a Division 3 district final. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

And a close one it was. This time, however, it was South Haven that came out on top.

With the game still scoreless, South Haven's Noah Weaver scored what proved to be the game's lone goal as Fennville suffered the 1-0 season-ending loss.

"South Haven has been playing really well down the stretch of their season and they definitely used that momentum early on against us," Nevenzel said. "They came out real strong and put a lot of pressure on us early."

Fennville keeper Dereck Arredondo was up the task, making key saves to keep the game scoreless heading to halftime.

"We expected South Haven to come out trying to set the tone and our defense was able to withstand that in the first half," Nevenzel said.

That defensive unit included Gabe Gonzalez, Jesus Salinas, Jorge Espino and Alex Salinas.

"Those guys really have played well for us all season defensively," Nevenzel said. "They, along with Dereck, only allowed 15 goals all season. I'm super proud of our boys and all that they have accomplished this season."

The second half saw Fennville create more chances offensively, holding more possessions.

"I thought we had South Haven on their heels a bit," Nevenzel said. "We did a lot of nice things, moving the ball well and giving ourselves some great opportunities.

"Unfortunately, we just couldn't capitalize."

South Haven was also unable to capitalize on its chances until Weaver finally broke through.

"Credit South Haven," Nevenzel said. "They have a great team, including a lot of guys with speed that are really good with the ball at their feet. And their keeper played real well once again."

Fennville had been in search of its second straight district championship after claiming the first district title in program history last season.

And while that didn't come to fruition, Nevenzel couldn't have asked for more from his team—particularly his seniors—when it came to effort and work ethic.

"I'm grateful for our seniors and the leadership they brought day in and day out," he said. "We will definitely miss them moving ahead."

Fennville football wins on Senior Night

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FENNVILLE—It's safe to say Senior Night 2025 was a success for the Fennville football team.

Hosting Bangor for their final home game of the season, the Blackhawks scored early and often in cruising to the 52-0 victory.

The win evened Fennville's record at 4-4. The Blackhawks can finish with a winning record if they are able to upend Onaway (3-5) on the road to close out the season on Friday, Oct. 24.

Fennville coach Wendell Hughes was understandably pleased with the outcome of the game.

"It was a beautiful night for football and a great night to be a Blackhawk," Hughes said. "It was a nice win on Senior Night. I'm really happy for our seniors."

Fennville jumped out to a quick 20-0 lead after one quarter, with three different players finding the end zone.

Carter Thompson started the scoring with a 36-yard pass to Gavin Kempker, followed by a 37-yard run from Zay Peoples and a 60-yard interception return from Ely Schut.

Fennville tacked on 14 more points in the second quarter—getting a 4-yard scoring run from Ethan Rosencrans and a 50-yard pass TD toss from Thompson to Schut—to extend its lead to 34-0 at halftime.

Second-half TDs came from Trinity Solis (50-yard run in the third quarter), Isiah Sounders (29-yard pass from Thompson in the third quarter) and Thompson (5-yard run in the fourth quarter).

Defensively, Fennville limited Bangor to 47 total yards of offense.

"All phases were clicking tonight," Hughes said. "I'm really happy with the defense getting the goose egg and our offense moved the ball very well and hit on some big plays."

Schut finished with two interceptions to lead the defense, while Jayden Sneller led with 4.5 tackles. Solis and Ashton Senters added four tackles each.

Thompson finished 5-for-11 passing for 129 yards, while Solis led the running game with 95 yards on five carries. Peoples added 66 yards on four carries.

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Kenny Sheffer
Otsego
Cross Country

It was quite a week for Otsego senior Kenny Sheffer.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, Sheffer placed fourth at the Wolverine Confernece Championship Meet to lead the Bulldogs to a league title.

And three days later, Sheffer turned in a personal-best time of 16:05 to take first place at the Allegan County Meet.

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Clippers roll to victory

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

LAWRENCE—Too much Haylen Buell and Seth Toris.

That was the issue for the Lawrence football team when it hosted Martin—the top-ranked team in 8-Player Division 1—on Friday, Oct. 17.

Buell amassed 201 yards of total offense and four touchdowns, while Toris rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Clippers to the 58-0 win.

The victory pushed Martin to 8-0.

Buell started the scoring, tossing a pair of TDs to start the game. The first covered 27 yards to Weson Elkins and the second went for three yards to Bryer Watson.

Buell added a 70-yard scoring run later in the first quarter before Anderson Keeler recovered a fumble and returned it for a touchdown to give the Clippers a 26-0 lead.

The second quarter was simply more of the same, as Martin got TDs from Buell (25-yard run), Toris (29-yard run) and Zaiden Buell (20-yard run). That made the score 50-0 at the intermission.

A 14-yard touchdown run by Toris in the third quarter concluded the scoring.

The 166 yards by Toris came on just eight carries—good for nearly 21 yards per carry—and represented a season high.

Haylen Buell, meanwhile finished with 94 rushing yards on just four carries for an average of 23.5 yards per carry. That pushed his season total past 1,000 yards.

He went 6-of-10 passing for 107 yards.

As a team, Martin eclipsed the 300-yard rushing mark for the eighth week in a row, totaling 360 yard on the ground.

On defense, Haylen Buell knocked the ball free midway through the first quarter, leading to Keeler's scoop-and-score touchdown. Keeler recovered another fumble earlier in the game, as well.

Toris matched Mani Smit for team high in tackles with four.

Next up for the Clippers is a home game with North-Pointe Christian to end the regular season.

"This week is very important," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said. "We want to have home field advantage in the first rounds of the playoffs, so we are very focused on taking care of business against a good North Point Christian squad.

"We will continue to play to our standard no matter who we play. At this point the only team that can beat us is us."

Blauvelt wants the game to be special for the team's seniors.

"This week is our seniors' last regular-season home game," he said. "They have had great careers here at Martin, but the job isn't finished. Everyone wants redemption from last year's early playoff exit."

Martin quarterback Haylen Buell looks for an open receiver in a recent game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Saugatuck football falls at home against Lawton Blue Devils

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—The second half of the football game between host Saugatuck and visiting Lawton on Friday, Oct. 17, couldn't have been any closer.

Each team scored 14 points, with the Trailblazers scoring all of those points in the fourth quarter and Lawton splitting their points evenly between the third and fourth stanzas.

Unfortunately for Saugatuck, the first half was a different story.

The Blue Devils scored three touchdowns in each of the first two quarters while holding the Trailblazers to a field goal during that span. The result was a 42-3 deficit for Saugatuck, which ultimately fell by a score of 56-17.

The loss was the fifth straight for the Trailblazers, dropping their record to 2-6.

Saugatuck coach Bill Dunn remained positive following the defeat.

"The kids played hard against a very good, state-ranked Lawton team," he said. "We're a little banged up late in the season, but I am proud of the effort of our team."

The Lawton game came on the heels of a game with another state-ranked opponent—Schoolcraft—the previous week. Saugatuck dropped that game 33-13 after leading 7-6 at one point in the second quarter.

Dunn saw good things from his team in both contests.

"It's been a tough back-to-back week of football against very good football teams," Dunn said. "We have had moments of excellent play, and moments of a young team that is maturing."

Kicker Dante Holley figured prominently in the scoring for Saugatuck. In addition to his 28-yard field goal in the first quarter, he also connected on both of his extra-point kicks in the fourth quarter.

The touchdowns that preceded Holley's PATs came from Mason Leslie on a 15-yard run and Will Soule on an 8-yard run.

Soule finished with 36 rushing yards on seven carries, while Leslie had 21 yards on four carries. Max Page led the ground game for the Trailblazers, going for 106 yards on 21 carries.

Page was the leading tackler on the team with 7.5, followed by Leslie with six, Jack Drummond with five and Soule with 5.5.

Otsego cross country teams claim Wolverine Conference titles

Otsego senior Emma Hoffman won the Wolverine Conference title. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PAW PAW—It was a double win for the Otsego cross country teams at the Wolverine Conference Championship Meet on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The Otsego girls dominated, winning with 18 points to finish just three points away from a perfect score in the eight-team event.

Sturgis was runner-up with 95 points, while Plainwell tied Edwardsburg for third with 106 points. The Trojans won the sixth-runner tiebreaker.

The boys side was much closer, with the Bulldogs edging out Three Rivers by a 64-70 margin. Plainwell was seventh with 135 points.

All seven Otsego runners placed in the top 11: Emma Hoffman first at 17:10, Alayna Verhage second at 19:02, Addelyn Sabatke fourth at 19:07, Skylar Mejeur fifth at 19:33, Adelyn Verhage sixth at 19:38, Rebekah Stachura 10th at 20:20 and Madeline Goodwin 11th at 20:31.

The top 16 earn All-Conference honors.

For Plainwell, Mai Nguyen (third at 19:07) and Molly Bruggink (12th at 20:32) earned All-Conference.

For the boys, Otsego's Kenny Sheffer had the best finish among local runners. He placed fourth at 16:37.

Teammates Gunnar Djerf (eighth at 16:49) and Kaleb Koestner (14th at 17:15) joined him in securing All-Conference honors.

Trent Hanson (17th at 17:27) had the best showing for Plainwell.

Allegan volleyball upends Trailblazers

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—A standout performance from Camdyn Drozd helped carry the Allegan volleyball team to a 25-21, 25-11, 25-17 win over host Saugatuck on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Drozd racked up 12 kills and 13 digs, both of which led Allegan.

Emma Gosler played well in the losing cause for Saugatuck with 14 digs and six kills. Gabbie Cochran added 10 digs, while Natalia Laskowski had seven digs, three kills and three aces.

Sienna Cariker contributed six kills for Allegan, with Mya Corbett going for five aces.

Allegan coach Mandy Matthews also praised the play of Kylah Morehouse.

"Kylah stepped up as a middle for the first time and proved to be a major asset to the team," Matthews said. "The girls played with determination and composure, keeping it classy despite some challenges."

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, the Trailblazers dropped a 25-17, 25-7, 25-10 decision to Galesburg-Augusta.

Cochran and Laskowski each had seven digs, with Julia Lowery going for six. Chloe Collins, Jocelyn Johnson and Ashtyn O'Neill each had two kills.

Football Results:

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Hopkins 7 Reed City 21

For the final three quarters of its non-league game with host Reed City on Friday, Oct. 17, Hopkins didn't surrender a single point.

That, however, wasn't quite enough to translate into a win, as Reed City used a 21-point uprising in the first quarter to collect the 21- win at the Vikings' expense.

Hopkins scored its lone touchdown early in the second quarter, as Cruz Hitzler scored on a 9-yard run. Vicente Garza made good on the extra-point kick.

That narrowed the Vikings' deficit to 21-7. But Hopkins would get no closer.

Reed City scored on runs of seven and 78 yards by Jack Dietsch and a seven-yard run by Owen Williams. Ethan Hanson connected on all three PATs.

Hitzler finished with 61 rushing yards on 10 carries, putting him one yard behind Justin VanWagner (62 yards on 13 carries) for the team lead.

Merek Zapolnik went 3-of-16 passing for 40 yards. Parker Warners (26 yards), Blake Hyma (10 yards) and Jackson Iciek (four yards) each had one catch.

Jaxson Koperski led the Hopkins defense with 13 tackles, followed by Henry Teunissen with 11 and Braydon Smigiel with eight.

Plainwell 14 Niles 49

Niles entered its home game against Plainwell on Friday, Oct. 17, ranked fourth in Division 3.

The Trojans got an up-close-and-personal look at just how good the Vikings really are.

Niles led 35-0 at halftime and added one touchdown in each of the final two quarters to pin the 49-14 loss on Plainwell.

The Trojans scored both of their TDs in the final quarter.

Plainwell coach Brian Huberty was duly impressed with Niles.

"Niles is a very disciplined and talented team," said Huberty, whose team fell to 3-5. "Their offensive line might be the best in Southwest Michigan. Their front seven also played really well. Hats off to them."

Plainwell quarterback Landon Naas finished the game 15-of-31 passing for 179 yards and one touchdown. He added 70 rushing yards on seven carries.

Drew Rayman hauled in 11 of Naas' passes for 100 yards.

"We have some bright spots to look at and keep building on as we look forward to take on our rival this coming week," Huberty said.

Plainwell closes out the season by hosting Otsego at Streidl Field on Friday, Oct. 24.

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The 2025 All-County girls cross country team

The 2025 All-County boys cross country team

Saugatuck, Otsego perform well at Allegan County Meet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—The annual Allegan County Meet brought six of the counties nine schools to the US-131 Motorsports Park on Friday, Oct. 17.

And it was Saugatuck and Otsego that stood out above the competition.

Saugatuck won the boys race with 35 points and was second in the girls race with 75 points, while Otsego won the girls race with 18 points and was second in the boys race with 39 points.

The Saugatuck boys had five All-County performers, which goes to the top 15 finishers. Otsego had four.

Marcus Silva (second at 16:15), Grant Rehkopf (third at 16:18), Jackson Bowman (seventh at 16:51), Sawyer Monroe (eighth at 16:56) and Ira Brown (15th at 17:24) were All-County for the Trailblazers.

Otsego's Kenny Sheffer won the race with a personal-best time of 16:05, with teammates Gunnar Djerf (fourth at 16:35), Ryan Long (sixth at 16;48) and Kaleb Koestner (12th at 17:13) also earning All-County.

Also on the All-County list for the boys were: Plainwell's Hiro Nguyen (fifth at 16:36), Trent Hanson (ninth at 17:02) and Donovan Ryan (10th at 17:03); Wayland's Mason Fein (11th at 17:07) and Ethan Manning (14th at 17:17) and Allegan's Kellen Chalupa (13th at 17:17).

The Otsego girls were nothing short of dominant, placing eight runners in the top 13. They were Emma Hoffman (first at 16:33), Alayna Verhage (second at 18:47), Adelyn Verhage (third at 18:53), Addelyn Sabatke (fifth at 18:58), Skylar Mejeur (seventh at 19:15), Rebekah Stachura (ninth at 19:45), Taylee Fox (12th at 19:47) and Madeline Goodwin (13th at 19:55).

No other team had more than two All-County runners: Saugatuck had Alina Martinson (10th at 19:45) and Lyvia Curtis (14th at 20:05), while Plainwell had Mai Nguyen (fourth at 18:55) and Molly Bruggink (11th at 19:46).

Martin's Veyda Conley (sixth at 19:03), Wayland's Abree VanDenBrink (eighth at 19:44) and Allegan's Jayden VandenAkker (15th at 20:28) were the other All-County honorees.

Schwartz sets school-record for kills in win by Clippers

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—Mackenzie Schwartz had a performance to remember for the Martin volleyball team when the Clippers hosted Fennville on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Not only did Schwartz's 21 kills lead Martin to the 27-25, 24-26, 25-23, 25-19 victory, but it also set a new school record for kills in a match.

"She is a threat from everywhere on the court," Martin coach Shannon Goddard said of Schwartz. "She has a wide selection of shots that she can take, which makes it difficult for teams to stop her."

Not that kills were the only thing Schwartz contributed.

Rather, she also tied Kendra Goddard for second on the team with two aces and was third on the team with 16 digs.

Torryn Harris led Martin with 39 assists, while Marybeth Ritchie had 21 digs and 11 kills. Kendra Goddard added 18 digs.

"We knew it was going to be a very close battle," Shannon Goddard said. "We have very similar records also playing similar opponents. I was proud of the girls for fighting all night.

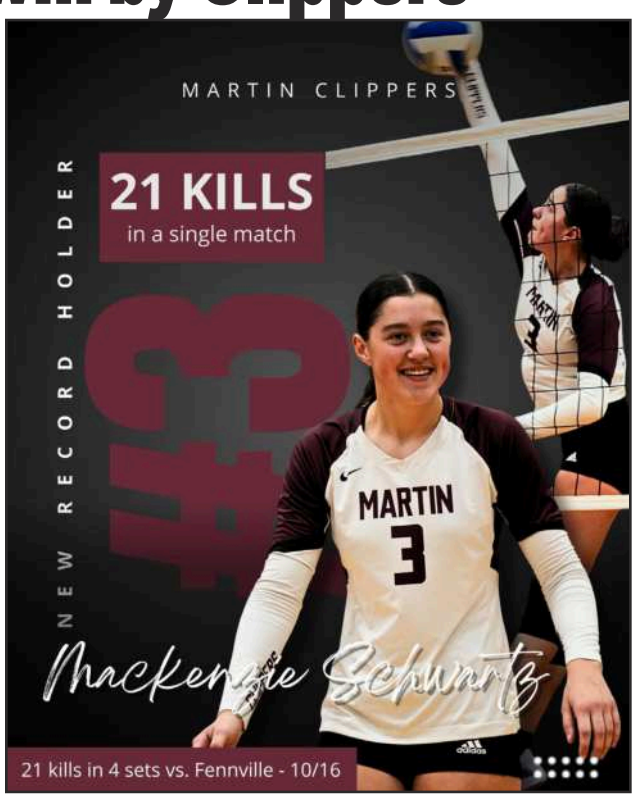
"We started behind in every set but came back. It took a team effort."

On Thursday, Oct. 9, the Clippers faced Schoolcraft and rebounded from a slow start to claim the 18-25, 25-12, 25-16, 25-23 win.

"We started out really slow with low energy," Shannon Goddard said. "As the night went, on we woke up, playing some really good volleyball."

Ritchie led with 13 kills, while Schwartz had eight to go with three blocks. Anna Jager served up 10 aces, Harris had 23 assists and Kendra Goddard had 26 digs.

"We are pushing some new things in the final stretch of the season," Shannon Goddard said. "We're trying to get as much out of the girls as possible."



Allegan swim & dive competes with Wayland, Hastings

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Allegan girls swim team competed against Wayland and Marshall High Schools on Tuesday, Oct. 14, showing grit and determination despite being outnumbered.

The 200 Medley Relay team of Zoey Hammer, Eliza DeLaet, Grace Kelley, and Ella Penrod placed second overall, setting the tone for several standout performances.

Eliza DeLaet won the 200 IM with a season-best 2:27.41 and placed second in the 100 butterfly. Hammer swam a season-best 2:24.12 in the 200 freestyle and added fourth in the 100 free.

Grace Kelley placed third in both the 50 and 500 freestyle, while Odessa Barnhart finished fifth in the 200 IM and 4th in the 500 free.

The 200 freestyle relay of DeLaet, Hammer, Kelley and Barnhart also finished second.

The Tigers recognized their two seniors, DeLaet and Barnhart.

"Eliza and Odessa have been outstanding leaders, Eliza for her competitive drive and Odessa for her quiet strength," Allegan coach Carol Gephart said.

Otsego football dominates in victory over visiting Sturgis

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—Otsego quarterback Blake Mathieu had a big game for the Bulldogs against the visiting Sturgis Trojans on Friday, Oct. 17.

Mathieu threw for 216 yards and four touchdowns, with Chris Weirick and Carson Brooks each hauling in a pair of TD passes.

That performance helped carry the Bulldogs to the one-sided 48-0 victory, upping their record to 3-5 in the process.

"The focus for our team is just to play the play in front of us and not worry about what happened last play, whether it was good or bad," Otsego coach Damien Ross said. "These guys have taken that to heart and it shows. Because there's been a couple games we start slow, but we keep playing and figure it out as the game goes on."

The Bulldogs didn't have to worry about a slow start in this game.

With Mathieu leading the way, Otsego jumped out to a 7-0 lead after one quarter before tacking on 21 points in the second quarter to go up 28-0 at halftime.

The second half was simply more of the same, with the Bulldogs scoring 14 points in the third quarter to start the running clock.

"We've been in a pretty good groove offensively the last five or six weeks," Ross said. "And we just continue to execute at a high level."

The Bulldogs also executed on a high level defensively, keeping Sturgis (0-8) off the scoreboard.

Lane Blanchard led the defensive charge with 16 tackles.

"I loved it for our guys to get the shutout," Ross said. "When you watch Sturgis, they play hard to the end. So for our second-team guys to get in during the second half and hold the standard, I was very pleased."

Blanchard also had a team-best 134 rushing yards, with one of his carries resulting in a touchdown.

The Bulldogs will close out the season by making the short trip to Plainwell for the annual grudge match with their archrival.

"This game is all about what we do, not so much what they do," Ross said of the Plainwell contest. "Again, just play the play that is in front of us. That will either be kicking off or receiving a kickoff on Friday."

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RAYMOND CLARKE WEBB JR, 77, Allegan Twp.
Oct. 5, 2025
JUDY ANN HILL, 84, Watson Twp.
Oct. 6, 2025
SHARON ANN HELMHOLDT, 85, Dorr Twp.
DAWN KIMBERLY HEISLER, 61, Gun Plain Twp
Oct. 8, 2025
VICKI GWEN TIMMER, 72, Martin Twp.
JACK ANGELO BUOSCIO, 94, Ganges Twp.
Oct. 9, 2025
SALLY ANN BECKERS, 89, Allegan
BARBARA JOYCE LAMPEN, 94, Laketown Twp.
Oct. 10, 2025
BRUCE EDWARD HASSEVOORT, 72, Overisel Twp.

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CHAYSE NOELLE BROWN, Allegan, and **JARON LEE HARTHUN**, Allegan
TAYLOR MARIE GEERS, Wayland, and **JACKSON THOMAS ALLEN GOTTSCHALK**, Sturgis
EDWARD PAUL BRUINING, Dorr, and **AUTUMN RENA NEAL**, Dorr
NICHOLAS ANTONIO CORTEZ, Allegan, and **SHELBY NICOLE SMITH**, Allegan
KIRSTEN RENEE HICKS, Otsego, and **AIDEN DOUGLAS JOHNSON**, Otsego
JESSE MAGNOLIA NEUMANN, Wayland, and **RYAN JOSEPH CINZORI**, Wayland
CHARLES MICHAEL BENDER, Martin, and **ESTHER SUE SELBY**, Allegan
ELIZABETH EILENE ODEA, Shelbyville, and **GAGE THOMAS OWINGS**, Shelbyville
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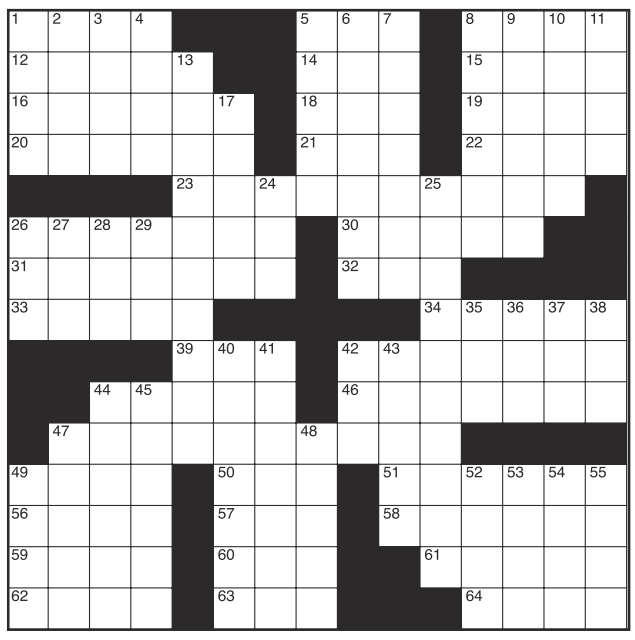

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1. Remark
5. Upper body part
8. Expression of dismissiveness
12. Alternate name
14. Popular beverage
15. Swiss river
16. Step-shaped recess
18. Rocker Stewart
19. Bright shade of color
20. Popular 'street'
21. Wrath
22. Heat units
23. Nocturnal omnivorous mammals
26. Fall back into
30. Remove from the record
31. Sound a splash made
32. Popular Dodge pickup model
33. Jamaican river
34. Notable event in Texas history
39. Cool!
42. Subset of Judaism
44. Newly entered cadet
46. Duct in urinary system
47. Exterminator
49. Snatch quickly
50. Have already done
51. Less healthy
56. Therefore
57. What couples say on the altar
58. Mysteriously
59. Look angry or sullen
60. Bird's beak
61. Taco ingredient
62. Square measures
63. Google certification (abbr.)
64. Singer Hansard

CLUES DOWN
1. Pubs
2. Wings
3. Popular BBQ dish
4. Small sponge cake
5. Open-roofed entrance halls
6. Organize anew
7. Type of wine
8. Forums
9. North Atlantic islands (alt. sp.)
10. Pond dwellers
11. Large integers
13. Signaled
17. Brief
24. Type of student
25. Tibetan monasteries
26. Revolutions per minute
27. NY Giants great Manning
28. Local area network
29. Residue from burning
35. Illuminated
36. Vasopressin
37. Notable space station
38. Wood sorrel
40. Adhering to laws
41. Chose
42. Hovel
43. Stood up
44. European city
45. Works ceaselessly
47. Mistake
48. Sun-dried brick
49. Sicilian city
52. A steep rugged rock or cliff
53. Murder
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Warming center for Allegan discussed at meeting

By Gari Voss

Though the West Michigan weather is showing no real signs that winter is coming, a small group in Allegan knows it is not far away. The focus is not on the weather, but on the needs of the Allegan unhoused when the temperature drops below 32° F. Finding a warm place in freezing weather is not a new plight of the unhoused, but in a small community, finding the solution takes collaboration within the whole village.

During the winter of 2024-25, Will and Angela Walker decided to delve into providing a warm place for the unhoused to stay from 5-10pm. The duo was able to receive a welcome from the Democrats wh o offered their office space. When the temperatures fell below freezing, only a few took advantage of the space, but the Walkers learned from their first attempt.

One piece learned was that the unhoused often spent daytime hours at places like the Allegan District Library. As long as rules were followed, they were welcome. But the library closes at 8 during the week and at 5:30 or 4pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Often by 7 or 8pm, the unhoused had found a place to hunker down, so few used the warming station. Lesson learned, open the station by 5pm and offer something warm and simple to eat and drink.

Moving toward winter 2025-26, the Walkers began speaking with members of churches. During the first meeting on October 9th, representatives from the First Presbyterian Church, The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, and the Congregational Church reviewed what the Walkers had learned. They took information back to their churches.

The group met again on October 20th and were joined by Allegan Police Chief Jay Gibson and Anton from OnPoint. Gibson and Anton were able to share what the police department and OnPoint could do to assist the unhoused.

Housing has been a need across Allegan County and beyond. Chief Gibson shared that many in the county are trying to find a solution to the lack of housing. He believes that it will take everyone pooling ideas and funds to find the answer for the Allegan area.

The next step for the new Allegan Warming Center team is to get a larger pool of supporters to assist in monitoring a warming center. The request will be presented to the Allegan Ministerial Association to solicit assistance to cover a center from 5-9pm on evenings when the temperature is freezing or below.

At the same time, a meeting place, or schedule of meeting places, needs to be located and created. When looking at other warming stations around the state, the locations are in community centers, fire stations, schools, churches, township halls, hospitals, recreation centers, Mason Lodges, city halls, chapels, Masonic Temples, and senior centers. What will be the best location or locations for an Allegan Warming Center?

The Allegan Warming Center team invites anyone who would like to be part of finding a solution for the Allegan unhoused can contact Will or Angela Walker william.walker@recyclingisba.com or Leah Ward boardwalkontheriver@aol.com with suggestions and/or join in meetings.

In the meanwhile, the Allegan Warming Center team will continue working with OnPoint and exploring opportunities with organizations like Allegan County Community Action for additional possibilities.

Faces in the Crowd

This week's question: After a forty-year run, the Fennville Goose Festival was cancelled this year, and the new and much smaller event was renamed the Fennville Carnival. What are your thoughts?

-Couple at a farm stand on M-89: Woman: "Oh, that's a shame. We went there a few times." Man: "To tell you the truth, I hadn't heard about it for a while, so I guess I thought it ended a couple of years back during Covid."

-Woman, same location: "Sorry, we're not from here, so I don't know anything about it."

-Man in front of the Fennville hardware store: "Well, that's kinda too bad. Didn't they have a parade or something?"

-Man with him: "It used to be a big deal. There were tours out to the Todd Farm and things like that. I remember a car show and some art. I guess there is so much else going on now-days it sort of died out."

-Woman near the Fennville grocery store: "I went there with my folks years ago, just after it got started. It had something to do with a fellow getting off a train, I think. That's what I remember, anyway."

-Older couple near the Blue Goose; Man: "Well, then there won't be so much traffic and I can find a place to park." Woman nodded in agreement.

-Man near the Old Jail museum in Allegan: "Back a few years ago, before Covid shut everything down, I took the grandsons to see it. All they cared about were the rides and eats. I didn't mind spending the money on it, but I thought they were pretty steep." Laughs. "I guess I'll save some money this year."

-Woman near the Allegan Post Office; "It's probably just as well. Sometimes things just run their course, you know, like, run out of energy. Making them hang on and on doesn't do much good. It's too bad, but still…?"

-Woman in front of the Allegan City Hall: "Well, I'm not surprised. I mean it was always expensive, but now with things being what they are and inflation and all, well, times are tough. We can't do everything. Besides, we just had the County Fair."

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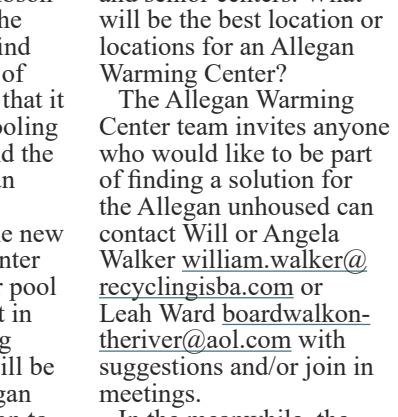

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew W Carpenter, single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC

Date of Mortgage: August 7, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 4, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $128,450.93

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, Valley Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section, thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 1315.73 feet along the North line of said Section to the 1/8 post of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 259.46 feet along West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 423.94 feet to the centerline of Allegan Dam Road; thence South 70 degrees 29 minutes 19 seconds East 104.77 feet along said centerline, thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds East 456.49 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 98.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 4040 Allegan Dam Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8932

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: October 2, 2025

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Nicholas Ryan Hall, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-10

Date of Mortgage: June 11, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 19, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $120,283.55

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 except railroad property, also except commencing 1327.76 feet South of the Northeast corner; thence South 75 feet; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West 234.01 feet; thence North 76.35 feet; thence East 233.26 feet to the point of beginning, also except commencing 1402.93 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section; thence South 66 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds West 234 feet; thence South 109 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds West 475 feet; thence North 44 degrees 06 minutes 38 seconds West 35.91 feet; thence North 225 feet; thence South 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds East 500 feet; thence South 75.11 feet; thence South 88 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds East 234.01 feet to the point of beginning, Section 21, Town 4 North, Range 12 West, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 4142 18th St, Dorr, MI 49323-8008

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dustin Wendt, and Desiree Wendt, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Pennymac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 30, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 4, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $179,596.38

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Monterey, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The West 330 feet of the North 330 feet of the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Town 3 North, Range 13 West, Township of Monterey, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 3348 127th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010-9230

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jonathan M. Buczek, AKA Jonathan Buczek, a married man and Kathryn M. Buczek, his wife

Original Mortgagee: Chemical Bank

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST

Date of Mortgage: October 8, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 2, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $156,050.66

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 10, Nature View Estates, a Site Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3170, Page 288, as amended, in the Office of the Allegan County Register of Deeds, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 275, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed, and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 1603 Nature View Ln, Allegan, MI 49010-9112

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Laurie Ann Brand, a unmarried woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: September 13, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 22, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $191,728.00

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 28 and 44 of Rossman's Add. to the Village (now city) of Allegan according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 5 of Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 47 Wayne St, Allegan, MI 49010-1656

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Allegan County) NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County (at East front entrance to the Allegan County Building in Allegan County, Michigan.), starting promptly at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Timothy T. West, unmarried, as original mortgagor, to The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, as original mortgagee, dated April 19, 2013, and recorded on April 30, 2013, at the Allegan County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 3733, commencing on Page 59. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was $27,660.31. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Watson, in the County of Allegan and State of Michigan further described as follows: Commencing at a point 10 Rods East of the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 12 West, as a place of beginning; thence East 100 feet; thence North 300 feet; thence West 100 feet; thence South 300 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 2145 119th Ave., Allegan, MI The redemption period shall be Six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated: September 26, 2025 The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, Mortgagee SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C. By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq. Attorney for Mortgagee 615 Griswold Street, Suite 1425 Detroit, Michigan 48226-3993 (313) 963-1301

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 06, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Aidan J. Taylor, unmarried man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: October 8, 2024 Recorded on October 17, 2024, Liber 4982, on Page 852, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 95/100 Dollars ($244,865.95) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at a point on the West edge of 30th Street 330 feet North of its intersection with the East-West 1/4 line of Section 15; thence South 177.5 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence West 164 feet; thence South 152.5 feet; thence East 164 feet; thence North 152.5 feet to the Point of Beginning, located in Section 15, Township 1 North, Range 13 West. Commonly known as 696 30th St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Date of notice: October 2, 2025

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Nathan Kupres, married man, whose address is 307 Sib Rumery Street, Wayland, Michigan 49348, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR LOWER, LLC, being a mortgage dated January 23, 2024, and recorded on January 30, 2024 in Liber 4917 Page 678, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated January 27, 2025 and recorded on January 27, 2025 in Liber 5007 Page 487, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 81/100 DOLLARS ($214,934.81). Said premises are situated in the City of Wayland, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT 38, WAYLAND HEIGHTS NUMBER 1, CITY OF WAYLAND, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT IN LIBER 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 9. Street Address: 307 Sib Rumery Street, Wayland, Michigan 49348 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: October 9, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6738

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Anthony Allen Carpenter, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: September 20, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 25, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $12,356.89

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Land situated in the Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan: That part of the West 1/2, Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 1375.54 feet along the West line of said Northeast 1/4 to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 604.52 feet along said West line; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 36 seconds East 1314.65 feet along the South line of the North 40 acres of the South 60 acres of said West 1/2 Northeast 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes West 464.00 feet along the East Line of said West 1/2, Northeast 1/4; thence North 83 degrees 09 minutes West 1323.71 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 3126 5th St, Wayland, MI 49348-9755

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 06, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Brady James Visser, a single man, as sole owner Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: December 28, 2023 Recorded on January 5, 2024, Liber 4913, on Page 160, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Five Thousand Sixteen and 59/100 Dollars ($105,016.59) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: LOT 5, BLOCK 6, RAILROAD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF PLAINWELL, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 44 OF PLATS, PAGE 198, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 113 Broad St, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Bogren Family Trust

Please take notice that Phyllis Ann Bogren, born January 24, 1935, died on June 16, 2025. Her last address was 158 S. Lake Doster Drive, Plainwell, MI 49080.

Creditors of the decedent or Trust are notified that all claims against the decedent and Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Michael S. Bogren, Trustee, at he address below within four months after the date of publication of this Notice. This notice is given pursuant to MCL 700.7608 and MCR 5.208.

Michael S. Bogren
4104 Heath Rd.
Hastings, MI 49058
Dated: October 20, 2025

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)

whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: Cory Hank Agustin has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on November 19, 2025 at 10:45am at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: Cory Hank Agustin to Cory Hank Erickson

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-65735-DA and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Wallace Nelson Ryzenga
Date of Birth:*May 22, 1941
TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Wallace Nelson Ryzenga, died May 17, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sandra Lynn Ten Harmsel, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Cunningham Dalman, P.C.
P. Haans Mulder P61842
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-1821
Sandra Lynn Ten Harmsel
561 Macatawa Avenue Address
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 566-7936

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST

In the Matter of: The Judith Ann Hill Living Trust

TAKE NOTICE: The Judith Ann Hill Living Trust ("The Trust") was established on December 7, 2023. The Settlor, Judith Ann Hill lived at 1369 Wetheral Lake Dr., Martin, Michigan 49070. Judith Ann Hill was born on November 14, 1940 and died on October 5, 2025.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Judith Ann Hill, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against The Judith Ann Hill Living Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: Tamara A. Nogle, Successor Trustee, of 777 109th Ave., Plainwell, Michigan 49080, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: October 15, 2025
David F. Kiel (P43048)
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Randall C. Northuis Trust dated July 15, 2010, as amended In Re: Randall C. Northuis Date of birth: February 1, 1948 NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Randall C. Northuis, of 6513 142nd Ave., Holland, MI 49423, died October 9, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Randall C. Northuis or his Trust, will be forever barred unless presented in writing to Eric J. Northuis and Scott A. Northuis, as Trustee of the Randall C. Northuis Trust dated July 15, 2010, as amended, care of 4429 64th Street, Holland, MI 49423, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. No probate proceedings will be initiated. October 14, 2025 Anna Urick Duggins (P57402) Parmenter Law P.O. Box 786 Muskegon, MI 49443 Phone: (231) 722-1621 Eric J. Northuis, Trustee Scott A. Northuis, Trustee 4429 64th Street Holland, MI 49423

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Zachary Kragness, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 11, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $192,003.38

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 20, Landsburg's Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 26, Allegan County Records

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Public Notices

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Common street address (if any): 5667 Landsburg Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9479

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: October 23, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jack Cafretsas and Megan Cafretsas, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: February 7, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 14, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $169,589.16

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, Gun Plain Township, Allegan County,

Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West on the South Section line, 1676.73 feet to the Centerline of Riverview Drive, thence North 35 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds West on said Centerline 530.82 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North 35 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds West on said centerline 109.43 feet; thence South 54 degrees 07 minutes 08 seconds West at right angles to said centerline 322.00 feet; thence South 35 degrees 52 minutes 52 second East, parallel with said Centerline 109.37 feet; thence North 54 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds East 322.01 feet to the Point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 874 Riverview Dr, Plainwell, MI 49080-1822

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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)

whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: Josalyn Elaine Gann has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on November 19, 2025 at 10:30am at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: Josalyn Elaine Gann to Josalyn Elaine Mashka

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LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
AT 7:00 p.m.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of Leighton Township will hold public hearings regarding the following requests during their regular meeting on Wednesday November 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at Leighton Township Hall, 4451 12th Street, Suite A, Wayland, MI 49348.

Public hearings will be held on the following applications:

1. A request from John Bitely of Green Meadow Holdings, LLC, property owner for an amendment to an existing Planned Unit Development commonly known as Paris Ridge Estates Phase VII upon an unaddressed 82.8 acre parcel with frontage on the north side of Warbler and the east side of Patterson, also known as parcel number 03-13-002-002-04.
2. Any other such business as may come before the Planning Commission.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Chairman, care of Leighton Township, 4451 12th Street, Suite A, Wayland, MI 49348.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

BEN POTTS, CHAIR
LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice

of Public Hearing
Monterey Township
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, as amended, (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act) the Planning Commission of Monterey Township will hold Public Hearings to deliberate the following topics on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the Monterey Center United Methodist Church located at 3022 130th Ave, Allegan, Michigan.

1. An application for special use from Beach Hill, LLC, owner of the property addressed as 3544 127th Ave. also known as Permanent Parcel 03-16-030-013-00, to establish and construct a private road, per Section 10.14 of the Monterey Township Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

Copies are available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours and on the Monterey Township Website at www.monterey-township.org.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Secretary at Monterey Township Hall, 2999 30th Street, Allegan, Michigan, 49010 or by calling 616-877-2000. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

SCOTT BOEVE, CHAIR
MONTEREY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
616-877-2000

NOTICE

OF PUBLIC HEARING
WAYLAND TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
1060 129th Avenue
Bradley, MI 49311
269-792-6394

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of Wayland Township will hold a Public Hearing to deliberate the following topics on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., at the Wayland Township Hall located at 1060 129th Avenue, Shelbyville, Michigan.

1. An application from Brian Silvernail, applicant on behalf of Kyle and Stephanie Carlson, property owners of 2870 10th Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-24-019-042-10, to rezone said property from the R-2 Medium Density Residential District to the C-2 General Commercial District. Said property is legally described as follows: COM AT SE COR PST OF SEC TH N ON E SEC LIN 1610.32' TO POB TH W 965.19' TO E LIN OF CONS EN CO PROPERTY TH N 323.02' TH E 966.93' TO E SEC LIN TH S ON SD LIN 323' TO POB SEC 19 T3N R11W
2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

Copies of the proposed amendments, application, and materials are available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission at Wayland Township Hall, P.O. Box 1, Bradley, MI 49311. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

DEB NARDIN, SECRETARY
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The full moon in early October has long been called the Harvest Moon because it provides farmers just barely sufficient light to work a bit longer in their fields. In past generations it was important because corn and other grains were picked by hand. Any extra time to get in the harvest was welcome. There is an old gospel hymn that reflects this hurried activity: "Work for the Night is Coming".

When I was growing up it seems I was surrounded and constantly being instructed about the virtues of work. They came in two forms, secular and sacred. For example, old Mr. Fiegel, the manager of Father's bank, would remind me to work so I could save money, put it into a passbook savings account, and one day I would be a rich man. Elsewhere, the highest accolade a young man or women could earn was to be called a "steady worker." That was someone who came to work early, stayed late, and did not waste time.

On the other side were staunch Catholics and modern day Puritans who were convinced that fun was wasted time, a spoonful of ice crème was sheer gluttony, and that we had better not waste any time because Jesus was watching and God was ready to resort to some Old Testament smiting and smoting. "Work for the Night is Coming," was their theme song. That, and maxim about idle hands and the devil, of course.

Like many of you, I heard and took to heart these words of wisdom and still believe many are true and good for us. That began to change a little when I was a senior in high school. Mother wanted to know who I was taking to the prom, and I said I was not going. She wanted to know why, and I explained that I did not want to spend the money. Her eyes narrowed, she offered to pay for the night, and I thanked her but turned her down. Tears came down her cheek when she said that if I was not careful I would allow life to pass me by, and then I'd be sorry, but on my death bed it would just be too late.

She did not guilt talk me into going. I was shy and inhibited, so prom had absolutely no appeal to me, Now fifty-five years later, I still don't regret my decision.

Still, there is a lot of truth in what she told me about life passing me by. It is easy to allow it to happen but look at the result. The coffee gets cold because we were too busy to enjoy it. Opportunities for travel or a dinner with friends slip away. Books remain unread, destined eventually for the thrift shop, The 'good clothes' we save in the closet for special occasions, never get worn because we denied ourselves the opportunity to have special occasions. The list goes on, and it is just as bleak.

I still believe in the message of that hymn, but I wish someone would write another stanza that starts with the word "Play" - play for the night is coming. I suggest that because fun is also a gift from God, laughter and good food, an evening spent around a dinner table is a divine blessing. Let's stop slapping God in the face by rejecting the gift of fun because we are too busy.

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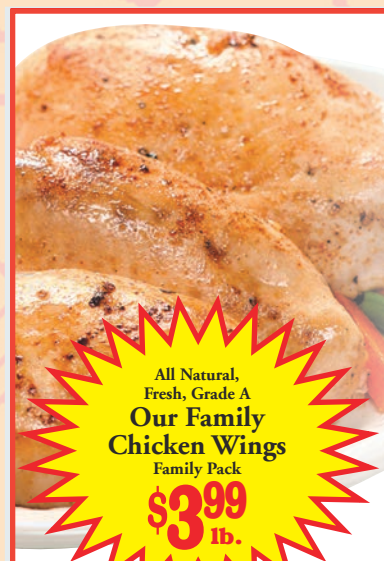

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$7.99
Save at least $1.00

savings - selection - service - quality - value

Assorted Varieties
BodyArmor Drinks
(8 pk. btls.),
Dasani Water
(24 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
or **Coke Products**
(8 pk., 12 oz. btls.)
(plus deposit)
$6.99

Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
12 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)
2/$15
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Nabisco Family Size Cookies or Snack Crackers
11.78 - 20.5 oz.
$4.99
Save at least $1.30 on 1

Select Varieties
Pringles Potato Crisps
4.9 - 5.57 oz.
(excludes mingles & party stacks)
3/$7

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
(24 pk., 12 oz. cans)
(plus deposit) or
Gatorade Sports Drinks
(18 pk. btls.)
$10.99
Save at least $3.99 on 1

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
(6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
(plus deposit) or
Propel Beverages
(6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
2/$9

Our Family Apple Cider or Apple Juice
64 oz.
2/$6
Save at least 98¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Utz Barrels
19 - 26 oz.
$6.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Assorted Varieties
Kool-Aid Jammers
10 ct.
$3.99
Save at least 20¢ on 1

Assorted Varieties
Gatorade Sports Drink
28 oz.
3/$4

Miller Lite or Coors: Light or Banquet
(15 pk., 12 oz. cans),
The Finnish Long Drink:
Traditional, Zero, Cranberry or Peach
(6 pk. cans), **Coors:** Banquet or Light or
Miller Lite (9 pk. aluminum btls.) or
Coors: Light or Banquet or
Miller: Genuine Draft or Lite
(12 pk. btls.) (plus deposit)
$12.99
Save at least $2.40 on 1

Select Varieties
Tostitos Tortilla Chips
9 - 13 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $5.98 on 2

Our Family Purified Water
32 pk., 16.9 oz. btls. **$3.99**

Select Varieties
Monster Energy Drinks
12 pk., 16 oz. cans
(plus deposit)..... **$19.99**

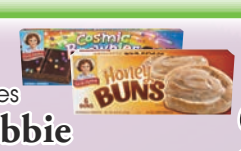
Select Varieties
Our Family Coffee
Ground or Whole Bean (10 - 12 oz.)
or Single Serve Coffee (12 ct.) **$6.99**

Select Varieties
Smirnoff Ice Beverages
6 pk. btls.
(plus deposit)..... **$9.99**

Select Varieties
Kendall Jackson Wine
750 ml..... **$13.99**

Select Varieties
White Claw Hard Seltzer
12 ct., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)..... **$19.99**

Select Varieties
Little Debbie Family Packs
8.46 - 13.1 oz..... **2/$6**



Select Varieties
Voortman Cookies
6.5 - 11.3 oz..... **2/$6**

Kellogg's Rice Krispies
Original (40 ct.) or
Mini Squares 3 - Flavor (52 ct.)
$11.99

Select Varieties
Aunt Millie's Bread
Honey Wheat or Italian Family Style
or Potato Healthy Goodness Bread
(22 oz.) or **Honey Homestyle Hot Dog**
or **Hamburger Buns** or **White** or
Sesame Hamburger Buns or
White Hot Dog Buns (8 ct.)
2/$5
Save at least $2.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Pillsbury Cake Mix
(15.25 oz.) or
Frosting (12 - 16 oz.)
2/$4
Save at least $1.18 on 2

Select Varieties
Prego Pasta Sauce
14.5 - 24 oz.
2/$4
Save at least $1.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Peanut Butter
Creamy or Crunchy
(16 oz.) or **Round Top Wheat Bread** (20 oz.)
2/$4
Save at least 58¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Betty Crocker Helper Meals
4.7 - 7.5 oz.
2/$4
Save at least $1.38 on 2

Select Varieties
General Mills Cereal
18 - 19.7 oz.
$4.99
Save at least $2.30 on 1

Select Varieties
Chef Boyardee Microwave Cups
7.5 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Hunt's Pasta Sauce
24 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Hunt's Manwich
15 - 16 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Cascade Complete Dishwasher Pacs (16 ct.), **Platinum Action Pacs** (12 ct.) or **Platinum Plus Action Pacs** (9 ct.); or **Dawn Powerwash** or **Platinum Dish Spray** (16 - 17.4 oz.)
$4.99

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Select Varieties
Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent
73 - 84 oz.
$13.99

Select Varieties
Charmin Bath Tissue
Ultra Soft, Ultra Strong or
Ultra Soft Mega (6 - 9 ct.)
or Ultra Gentle (9 ct.)
$9.99

Select Varieties
Downy Liquid Fabric Enhancer
88 oz.
$9.99

dairy savings - dairy savings

Select Varieties
Coffee mate Cold Foam (14 oz.) or **Regular Creamer** (28 - 32 oz.)
2/$7
Save at least $3.58 on 2

Select Varieties
Tropicana Orange Juice
Pure or Light
46 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Our Family Butter
Spreadable or Quarters
15 - 16 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Our Family 1% Lowfat or Fat Free Milk
gallon
$3.29
Save at least 70¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Country Fresh TruMoo Milk
64 oz.
$2.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Our Family Cottage Cheese, French Onion Dip or Sour Cream
24 oz.
2/$6
Save at least 98¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Dutch Farms Cracker Cut Cheese
7 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $2.98 on 2

Our Family Heavy Whipping Cream
16 oz.
$3.49
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Pillsbury Rolls, Grands! or Crescent Dough
8 - 16.3 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $1.98 on 2

frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties
Dean's Country Fresh Ice Cream
48 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Our Family Ice Cream Cones
Sugar, Cup or Jumbo Cup
12 ct.
$1.69

Select Varieties
TombStone Original Pizza
20.6 - 22.1 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $5.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Nestlé Novelties
Drumsticks (8 ct.), Lil' Drums (12 ct.), Drumsticks Mini Cones (20 ct.) or Toll House Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwiches (7 ct.)
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Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Eggo Waffles
10 - 24 ct.
$5.99
Save at least $1.60 on 1

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Tyson Chicken
Nuggets, Tenders or Patties, 23 - 32 oz.
$5.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

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Our Family Fries or Wedges
24 - 32 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 60¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Our Family Frozen Vegetables
24 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $2.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Ravioli or Tortellini
19 - 25 oz.
$4.99
Save at least 40¢ on 1

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$1.99

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each
$5.99

Hedstrom Halloween Fidgee Balls
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$3.99

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each
$8.99

Regent Gnome Table Decor or Pumpkin Stuffed Nubby
each
$2.69

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2.5 oz.
2/$6

Regent Giant Hanging Ghost Decor
each
$6.99

Tuscany Candles
Apple Spiced Cider (18 oz.), White Eucalyptus & Vanilla or Smoked Pumpkin & Liquor (8 oz.) ..
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each .....
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each .....
$4.99

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Irish Spring Body Wash
20 oz. .....
$5.79

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31 oz. .....
$5.99

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Olay or Old Spice Body Wash
18 - 24 oz. .....
$7.99

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RX Bar Protein Bars
Regular (5 ct.) or Minis (8 ct.) .....
$8.99

Select Varieties
Alka-Seltzer Medicine
24 ct.
$9.99

Select Varieties
Speed Stick Deodorant ot Antiperspirant
2.7 - 3 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Head & Shoulders Dandruff Shampoo or 2-in-1 Shampoo & Conditioner
12.5 oz.
$6.99

Select Varieties
Pantene Pro-V Shampoo or Conditioner
10.4 - 12 oz.
2/$11

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